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New quarantine process for all arriving travelers

The CNMI government will be putting in place a new quarantine procedure for all individuals entering the CNMI, effective Saturday, June 20, 2020.

In a statement last night from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., it said that any person entering the CNMI may be

exempted from quarantine and be able to self-quarantine if they complete all of the following steps:

- Fill out an online CNMI

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Source: Office of the Governor

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As of 8:30pm, June 18, 2020

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Recovered	170	0	170
Active	13	5	18
Deaths	6*	0	6*
Cumulative Number of Persons Tested	9,374		

SAIPAN	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	30	0	30
Active	9	-4	5
Deaths	2	0	2
Cumulative Number of Persons Tested**	8,169		

*Total includes a sailor from the USS Theodore Roosevelt.

**Total includes the number of persons tested on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Source: Joint Information Center - Guam, Commonwealth Health Care Corp.



The Department of Labor has created a drive-thru system for the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance and Federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance applications at its office on Capital Hill.

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Labor starts drive-thru PUA application

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Assistance applications last Wednesday.

Labor Secretary Vicky Be-

navente was seen out at the Department of Labor and Employment Services building on Capital Hill, overseeing PUA operations and reporting a steady flow of cars

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The Department of Labor serviced over 500 cars and handed out around 2,000 applications at the launch of the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance and Federal Pandemic Unemployment

Security Title Inc. sues IPI, two others to determine who is entitled to \$2.48M

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should be entitled to IPI's \$2.48 million.

A security title company has joined a long list of businesses suing the Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC, this time to determine who

In an interpleader complaint filed yesterday before the Superior Court, Security Title Inc. is suing Pacific Rim Land Development LLC, Saipan

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50% discount for airlines proposed

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An incentive to give all international and commuter air-

lines a 50% discount on landing fees and other applicable fees until December 2020 is being looked at as a way to entice air traffic to the CNMI and

revive its tourism industry.

Commonwealth Ports Authority board chair Kimberlyn King-Hinds suggested this

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Commonwealth Ports Authority board chair Kimberlyn King-Hinds, third from right, gestures as she explains during yesterday's CPA board committees' meeting her proposal to give an incentive to all international and commuter airlines by giving them 50% discount on landing fees and other applicable fees until December 2020.

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Honorary Philippine Consulate office now at Sun Palace Hotel

The office of the Honorary Philippine Consul in the CNMI is moving to a new and bigger office at the Sun Palace Hotel in Susupe.

Beginning Monday, June 22, the office's honorary consulate-CNMI will conduct all consular services at its new office and will be open to serve the public from 9am to 4pm, Mondays through Fridays. The office was previously located at Finasisu Terraces in Fina Sisu.

"We are truly grateful that we have our community and business partners, in particular TanHoldings and its president, Jerry Tan, who have been with us throughout the years. Their partnership and support of the Philippine Consular Mission-CNMI has enabled my office to work, deliver consular services, and serve many of our



compatriots through my team and our strong volunteer-support group," said Philippine honorary consul to the CNMI Glicerio Eli DM. Arago.

The office's CNMI's team members are Annamae Adaza, Ariel Mariano, Mario Mayuga, and Ulysses Torres-Sabuco. The office's staff is Mel Santos.

Arago is also reminding everyone to observe social distancing when availing of consular services.

The Honorary Consulate-CNMI provides a range of consular service, including passport processing and document legalization, among others. Contact the office directly at (670) 670 233-6293 for more information about other consular services. (PR)

Woman in bank fraud gets 7-day time served sentence

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The federal court has imposed a seven-day time served sentence on a woman who pleaded guilty to gaining access to her mother's savings account through fraud and using \$12,208 for her own use.

At a sentencing hearing last June 12, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona placed Janee Marie Famy Babauta on three years of supervised release. Babauta was ordered to pay a \$100 fine and perform 50 hours of community service. That service will be waived if she finds a job. A restitution

hearing will be held on June 26, 2020.

Bruce Berline, who served as her court-appointed counsel, called to the witness stand the defendant's mother.

Assistant attorney general Garth Backe represented the U.S. government.

Last September, Babauta pleaded guilty to bank fraud.

According to the indictment, between March 20 and April 15, 2019, Babauta used her mother's personal identifying information in order to gain access and control of her mother's Bank of Guam savings account. The defendant then withdrew about \$12,208 for her own use through online transfers, transactions, and purchases.

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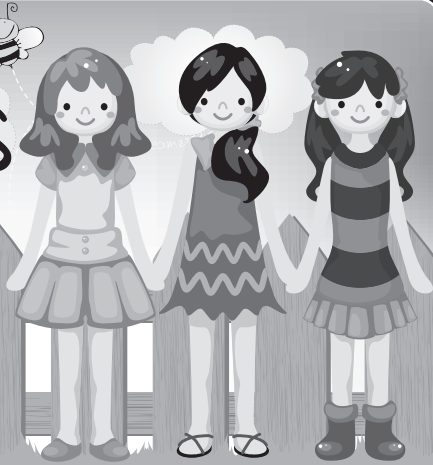
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MVA to promote the Northern Islands with YouTuber

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The Marianas Visitors Authority will be enlisting the help of a YouTube influencer with 2.31 million subscribers to his channel to promote the Northern Islands.

Robert Arrington, who hosts the YouTube channel *Deer Meat for Dinner* with his wife, and has made a series of videos about his adventures in hunting and fishing, will be going with his family on a monthlong trip that will see him hopscotching from one island to the next in the Northern Islands, and promoting his adventures.

Toward this end, the MVA board has asked the administration of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres for \$59,000 to fund Arrington's trip in hopes to promote the Northern Islands post-COVID-19.

In addition to the \$59,000, MVA is also asking for \$100,000 to be spent for the MVA's destination and enhancement program.

MVA board chair Marian Aldan-Pierce pointed out that MVA has long found it difficult to market the Northern Islands but, with Arrington's help, MVA will be able to use all the videos that Arrington

will produce for marketing purposes.

"I looked at the original proposal that was from [MVA managing director Priscilla Iakopo], and I think, for the amount of money that they're asking for, it's really quite minimal," said Aldan-Pierce. "I think this is a very good opportunity to showcase not just Saipan, Tinian, and Rota but the Northern Islands."

Because Arrington's videos are funny and well-made and the quality of the videos that he has put out has been consistently good, Aldan-Pierce believes investing \$59,000 in this project will be "worth the money."

According to Torres, what was supposed to be just a two-week trip turned into Arrington, his family, and crew purchasing a one-way ticket to the CNMI in order to not only enjoy his trip but because Arrington is eager to promote the Marianas.

"We have a gentleman here who is genuine, who care for the island, and is spending his resources to come here to promote the Marianas," said Torres.

Torres said that the world

only knows what happened in the CNMI during World War II but, with the help of Arrington, he will be able to show all the tourist sites in the CNMI, not just World War II remnants but also diving spots and more.

"This is the best opportunity for us to embrace and endorse, and I think most of all, he wants to bring in high-end tourists to appreciate what we have here," said Torres.

Jerry Tan, MVA board member and TanHoldings president, stated giving Arrington, his family, and his crew this chance to tour the islands will allow them to explore places that are not so crowded. "If I consider a family trip, I don't think I want to go to a crowded place," said Tan. "Our whole Mariana Islands, including Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, have that unique opportunity."

Tan added that although he hasn't been to the Northern Islands, he has yet to meet someone who has gone there and did not fall in love with the environment there. Additionally, Tan says that this is a good opportunity to allow MVA to start going after

"high-end" tourists.

Tan is also confident that many tourists will be making their way to Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to enjoy the peace and serenity the islands brings.

MVA board member Chris Nelson said that the videos should also contain important details and information about the Northern Islands, including how to get there, the islands' features and other important facts that travelers and expedition organizers should know and which the MVA should provide. Nelson suggested that MVA should collaborate with local partners that can provide services to those who want to go to the Northern Islands.

As for the logistics, Torres said that more information

will be provided later on. Arrington, his family, and his crew will first stop at Maug, said Torres. He will then make his way around the Northern Islands.

Arrington first went to Rota in 2018, after meeting a Rota resident, who is a fan, in Seattle, Washington. Arrington got to experience the lifestyle on Rota and also hunted for coconut crabs.

"I got to see, witness, become part of a Chamorro family, the Chamorro culture," said Arrington in a YouTube video that was shown by MVA. "I'll tell you, I've traveled all over the world but never been anywhere like the Marianas."

Arrington stated that he wants to show the world how the CNMI is and even though

it may be a small island chain, it has so much to be proud of. "Your culture, your food, your people, it is a special, special place," he said. "Your land is rich in diversity, it's lush with amazing, beautiful plants and animals."

Arrington believes that the Marianas has the potential to thrive in tourism.

Additionally, Arrington, his family, and his crew have gotten tested for COVID-19. Torres advised Arrington to get tested before coming here so there will be no problem coming to Saipan from Hawaii and Guam.

Arrington has accumulated over 600 million views, averaging at 500,000 views per day from different places in the world on his YouTube videos.



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USCIS extends transitional parole for select aliens in CNMI

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services announced yesterday that it will automatically extend parole, and employment authorization if applicable, for certain aliens present in the CNMI.

This specific extension of parole will apply only to current parolees whose parole status will expire on June 29, 2020.

To ensure that all eligible aliens, including parolees, will have the full opportunity to apply for CNMI long-term resident status without interruption to their parole status, USCIS will automatically extend parole (and employment authorization, if applicable) for these aliens without interruption through Aug. 17, 2020.

The CNMI long-term resident status was created by the Northern Mariana Islands Long-Term Legal Residents Relief Act (Public Law

116-24), signed into law on June 25, 2019. The new law specifically gave the Department of Homeland Security the discretion to authorize parole, with work authorization, for these aliens during the time period needed to implement the new law.

On Feb. 19, USCIS announced the procedures to apply for CNMI long-term resident status. The 180-day application period for this status will end on Aug. 17.

For parolees with an Employment Authorization Document expiring on or before June 29, 2020, the following documentation will serve as evidence of identity and work authorization for Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification, purposes until Aug. 17:

■ A copy of this web alert; and

■ Form I-766, Employment Authorization Document, bearing category code “C-11” with an expiration

date on or before June 29, 2020.

The purpose of this temporary extension of parole and employment authorization is to encourage all eligible parolees to apply for CNMI long-term resident status within the application period.

For parolees who file Form I-955, Application for CNMI Long-Term Resident Status, and Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, by Aug. 17, USCIS will separately announce additional relief while their applications for CNMI long-term resident status remain pending.

If a parolee does not file Form I-955 and Form I-765 by Aug. 17, their parole status (and employment authorization, if applicable) will end, and they should depart the CNMI or seek another lawful status before Aug. 17. **(PR)**

50%

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during yesterday’s CPA board committees’ meeting and was supported by other board members—Roman T. Tudela, Barrie C. Toves, Ramon A. Tebuteb, Pete P. Reyes, Thomas P. Villagomez, and Joseph M. Diaz.

The members agreed with King-Hinds to put the proposed 50% discount as an action plan so that when they have a full board meeting by hopefully at the end of this month, they can revisit and adopt the incentive program.

King-Hinds said that, although half of CPA’s revenues are supported by airline revenues, the fact is that the tourism and the airline industries have been greatly paralyzed by COVID-19 pandemic. “So given the pandemic, all the airlines are basically struggling and having a hard time right now on getting back online. And we’re trying to find a way, look for way to incentivize to get some sort of activity coming back to the CNMI,” she said.

One of the ways the CPA can do that is by reducing the fees that they charge airlines, King-Hinds said.

She compared the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport to

a water faucet, where the tourists are the water that come out through that faucet to support the CNMI’s economy. “I think that sometimes we’re going to spend a little bit of money—in this situation forego collection—to be able to realize a long-term gain,” King-Hinds said. “Obviously, the airline industry has been the most impacted as far as the pandemic is concerned. They’re having hard time getting back online.”

This comes as the Torres administration is proposing to reopen the CNMI’s economy by July 15, and policymakers are working balancing public health concerns and the need to have an economy that supports the government’s ability to provide essential services.

King-Hinds concedes that the fees that they currently charge airlines are obviously what has sustained CPA’s operation but she also pointed out that the money CPA has received from the CARES Act is supplementing CPA’s operational budget right now.

She said the long-term plan is to be able to get CPA back to the level of where it used to be in terms of airport revenue collection. “What I’m proposing basically for the board to consider is giving a sizable discount to the airlines,” she said, adding that

CPA also gave a three-month rent abatement to their tenants a few months ago.

She said she is proposing to give a 50% discount on landing fees, enplanement, deplanement fees, and any other applicable fees except for passenger facility charges. She said CPA cannot touch the passenger facility fees pursuant to Federal Aviation Administration’s regulations.

“I’m not expecting that, by giving this discount, a whole bunch of airlines are going to fly here because we still have the pandemic,” King-Hinds said, adding in a later interview that “each country has different requirements in terms of public health measures from point of origin.”

The chair said the board just passed CPA’s budget for fiscal year 2021, which has been supplemented by the CARES Act funding. Because of the amount they got from the CARES Act, CPA can sustain itself, she added.

“The idea basically is to look out long-term. We are collecting zero now,” King-Hinds said. From now until December, CPA is already expecting to collect zero revenue.

A longer version of this story is available at www.saipantribune.com

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at their drive-thru application system.

“We’re trying to avoid as much interaction with people as possible. We want to just have the drive-thru system for picking up and dropping off PUA applications. This operation for drive-thru runs from 8am to 12pm, every day, Monday through Friday. If you need to pick up a PUA application, this is the route you need to go through on Capitol Hill,” she said Wednesday morning.

About 7,000 to 10,000 individuals are expected to apply for the assistance, and the department has mobilized all of its staff to help facilitate the program, with a dozen of their employees stationed in seven tents on Capital Hill.

“The actual pickup and drop off lo-

cations are up here on Capit[a]l Hill, Department of Labor Office Building No. 1334, and then also the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library is a drop-off area. Just those two areas for today,” Benavente added.

Application forms are also available for pick up at the library and the Saipan Mayor’s Office. Applicants are asked to read the instructions and the handbook included in the PUA applications package, before actually filling out the applications, and to call the department for any questions.

Aside from pick-ups, Labor has also begun accepting application submissions via www.hiremarianas.com beginning Wednesday. For issues applicants have reported about the portal so far, Benavente promises to have them fixed within 48 hours.

“The issues are online, the portal is still trying to get used to the ‘Northern Marianas,’ It is reading some in-

formation as, for example, Arkansas, and so we’re working on those issues today. We promise to have them fixed within 24 to 48 hours,” she said. “We expected some glitches but we’re also expecting them to be resolved as expeditiously as possible. We have a website vendor based in the mainland. They have contacts with Guam, as well as the region and the territories.”

Benavente expressed appreciation to the members of the community for their patience concerning the PUA and FPUC application. “The patience has been wonderful. Our people have been waiting for weeks and months and so my appreciation to them has been expressed many a time throughout this whole process. The applications will be processed and then the PUA, the public benefits, will be helping so much of our community. That’s going to be a big relief for many people and their families.”

NEW

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SECURITY

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Shrimp LLC, and H.S. Lee Construction Co. Inc. to determine as to who is rightfully entitled to IPI’s cash.

Interpleader refers to a civil procedure that allows a plaintiff to initiate a lawsuit in order to compel two or more other parties to litigate a dispute.

Security Title, through counsel G. Patrick Civile, asked the court to be allowed to interplead the cash bond and defendants be ordered to litigate between themselves their respective claims to any and all cash bond funds under the Escrow Agreement, the writ of execution, and other applicable laws.

The plaintiff asked the court to restrain the defendants from instituting any actions or proceedings against the company with respect to such claims for payments.

Security Title requested the court to enter an order directing the proper distribution of the cash bond.

Security Title moved to be discharged from any further participation in this proceeding, and that the court order and adjudge that Security Title has no further liability of any kind to IPI, Pacific Rim, Saipan Shrimp, and H.S. Lee until their claims have been litigated and settled by the court.

According to Civile in the complaint, Security Title was served on Jan. 12, 2020, with a writ of execution in the amount of \$6,909,333 (plus post-judgment interest) in favor of Pacific Rim and against IPI to seize certain funds held by Security Title belonging to IPI.

Civile said that pursuant to an escrow agreement for cash bond dated August 2016, Security Title is holding \$2,481,300 as cash collateral to secure the obligations of IPI under the Indemnity Agreement (cash bond).

The Escrow Agreement was entered into by and between Security Title and IPI, and IPI’s “concurring beneficiaries”—namely Saipan Shrimp and H.S. Lee. Civile said a section of the Escrow Agreement states that the cash bond can only be used to pay Saipan Shrimp and H.S. Lee (or their successors) to “cover claimed damages, if any, arising

from crane equipment or construction operations as set forth in the license agreement in connection with IPI’s construction of the casino building/hotel in Garapan. The lawyer said the defendants have competing claims for the cash bond. Pacific Rim’s claim for the cash bond funds is based on the writ of execution. IPI’s claim for the cash bond funds is based on the Escrow Agreement. Saipan Shrimp and H.S. Lee’s claims to the cash bond funds are based on the license agreement. Both Saipan Shrimp and H.S. Lee maintain a claim to the cash bond.

Civile said Security Title acts as escrow under the terms of the Escrow Agreement, and there is no instruction in that agreement addressing circumstances such as this, where a creditor of IPI attempts to levy on the cash bond.

And because the defendants have competing claims to the same cash bond, and Security Title is unable to ascertain which of the defendants is entitled to the cash bond and to whom the cash bond must be paid, interpleading the cash bond with the court is appropriate, Civile said.

The lawyer said Security Title has no interest as to whom the cash bond should be disbursed and is a mere stakeholder. He said this complaint for interpleader is necessary to restrain the filing of action by defendants in order to prevent multiplicity of judicial proceedings and to prevent Security Title from facing multiple litigation.

Civile said Security Title has brought this action solely to identify the proper party entitled to the cash bond under CNMI law. He said his client is entitled to recover its attorney’s fees in the amount of \$2,000 plus costs in the amount of \$225 in bringing this action.

IPI is facing multiple lawsuits in federal court and Superior Court from many companies for alleged non-payment of services and other reasons.

Pacific Rim recently obtained a writ of execution from the federal court that directs the U.S. Marshal to seize IPI’s money from four banks and two title companies, including Security Title, to satisfy a \$6.9-million judgment.

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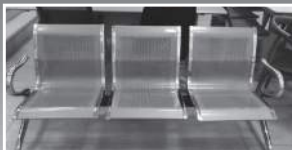
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Updates on technical issues with PUA online application

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Technical Issues	Update
Selection of "Northern Mariana Islands" as a 'state' does not allow claimant to proceed with PUA application	Issue reported to vendor for troubleshooting. As of 11am ChST, vendor has resolved the issue.
Upon entering Social Security Number, system generates message indicating that an existing account matches the SSN and does not allow claimant to proceed with PUA application	Issue has been reported to vendor for research and/or troubleshooting on June 17, 2020.
Claimants receiving system generated messages indicating an existing claim has been activated in a different state or territory	Issue has been reported to vendor for research and/or troubleshooting on June 17, 2020.
System generated non-monetary determinations	Issue has been reported to vendor for research and/or troubleshooting on June 17, 2020.

PUA applicants are encouraged to inform the Department of Labor regarding any technical issues experienced during the online application process. All technical issues will be forwarded to the online portal vendor to assist with resolving the issue. Online issues that can be handled at the Department level will be handled expeditiously.

PUA/FPUC Questions:

Individuals are encouraged to email info@puamarianas.com or call any of the following numbers between 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, (Mon-Fri) for any PUA/FPUC-related inquiries.

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670-989-9089 / 670-989-9081
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670-989-9080 / 670-989-9084

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670-989-9001 / 670-989-9097

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FRAUD hotline

Individuals are encouraged to call 670-989-9095 to report any perceived instances of waste, fraud or abuse pertaining to the PUA/FPUC programs. (PR)

Lions Club helps KagES prepare for summer school

The Saipan Alliance Lions Club helped spruce up Kagman Elementary School last Sunday in preparation for the summer school session, which will begin on June 22 and last until July 31.

Saipan Alliance Lions Club members swept leaves and grass from the campus hallways and collected trash from around the school.

"We do not have any support staff to help with the cleanup for the school to be ready for the COVID-19 Intensive Summer Session," said KagES principal Dr. Ignacia Demapan, who thanked the club for its help.

There were about 12 members from the Lions Club who joined the cleanup, headed by club president Danilo Robles.

"We are grateful that we have an opportunity to assist and come together to help the community," Robles said. "[We're also] thankful for the overwhelming support of our members."

The Saipan Alliance Lions Club has come together to help. Several of their donations were able to help those who have lost jobs during the pandemic crisis. The group had also donated goods to front-liners in the CNMI.

If you have a passion for doing community volunteer work, join Lions Clubs International. For inquiries, call Robles at 287-5374 and secretary Donna Fronda at 285-5180. To learn more about the Lions Clubs visit the website, www.lionsclubs.org. (Chevy Alipio)

More contact info for NMC summer, fall sems

While Northern Marianas College is working to reopen its campuses in a gradual and phased manner, employees can still be reached through email, phone, and Zoom video conferencing.

For help with the admissions process, interested individuals can email admissions@marianas.edu or call (670) 237-6770. An online video appointment (Zoom) can also be booked with any of the admissions counselors below:

■ Manny Tenorio Castro, director of Enrollment Services (<https://mannytenorio.youcanbook.me>)

■ Kenneth Aquino Gabrido, administrative manager (<https://kennethgabrido.youcanbook.me>)

■ Victoria Bellas, Student Enrollment specialist (<https://victoriabellas.youcanbook.me>)

■ Lisa Rafael, Admissions counselor (<https://lisarafael.youcanbook.me>)

Individuals who have questions about available financial aid opportunities can email the Financial Aid Office at fao@marianas.edu or call (670) 237-6791.

Any questions regarding paying tuition can be directed to the Finance Office through email at finance@marianas.edu or by calling (670) 237-6821.

NMC also has two hotline numbers available Monday to Friday from

8am to 5pm. The numbers are (670) 285-7651 and (670) 285-2059.

More information regarding NMC's summer and fall semesters can be found on www.marianas.edu. (PR)



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For Saipan, go to <http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/Saipan2019.pdf>

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For Rota, go to <http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/Rota2019.pdf>

If you need the report translated, wish to speak with someone about the report, or would like a paper copy delivered or emailed to you, please call CUC at (670) 664-4282.

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GHIS hosts drive-thru ceremony for 19 promotees



Kaitlyn Alexza A. Drilon
Valedictorian, 5th Grade



Juliana Magan T. Subang
Salutatorian, 5th Grade

By **KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA**
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REPORTER

Golden Harvest International School held a drive-thru promotion ceremony followed by a motorcade for 19 promoting students from different grade levels.

Initially, there was no plan to host a promotion ceremony in light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, said GHIS principal Jennifer P. Reyel said. "However, we saw our students' hard work even during the online classes, so we thought of going through with it to show that we appreciate their efforts," she added.

The promotion ceremony was held by drive-thru at the Minatchom Atdao pavilion and concluded in a motorcade. The school rented 19 Mustang convertibles for the students' motorcade from the pavilion to American Memorial Park and then to GHIS in Oleai.

"We followed all safety precautions. We put markers to make sure that we followed social distancing protocols. We had a hand sanitizer station as well and used infrared thermometer to check on our students and their families' temperature," she said.

Reyel said they plan to resume face-to-face classes for the upcoming school year.

"Since we have low enrollment in the next school year, we will be able to do in-person classes with a social distancing setup," she said.

The following were the awards given out during GHIS' drive-thru graduation ceremony.

Fifth Grade

■ Kaitlyn Alexza A. Drilon, valedictorian – Most Behaved, Best in Bible, Best in Arithmetic, Best in Spelling, Leadership Award

■ Juliana Magan T. Subang, salutatorian – Friendliest, Best in Science, Best in Social Studies

■ Stephanie Joyce C. Sevilla, A Honor – Most Responsible, Best in Language, Best in Reading, Perfect Attendance, Citizenship Award

■ Andre Amour B. Zapata, B Honor – Neatest, Best in Physical Education, Best in Health

■ Lyndsey D. Castillo, B Honor – Most Helpful, Best in Writing, Best in Art

Advanced K-5

■ Raizel Gail P. Atalig, valedictorian – Most Reliable, Best in Phonics, Best in Science, Perfect Attendance, Leadership Award

■ Alyssa Joy Q. Sublemente, salutatorian – Most Responsible, Best in Writing, Best in Social Studies

■ Miguel Jasher T. Angus-

tura, A Honor – Most Enthusiastic, Best in Reading

■ Alleyah Fei T. Soguilon, A Honor – Most Thoughtful, Best in Skills Development, Best in Bible

■ Gielyn Mae S. Manlulu, A Honor – Most Organized, Best in Language

■ Nicko Andrei S. Fernandez, B Honor – Most Respectful, Best in Numbers, Citizenship Award

■ Jesse Jerry Jr. A. Reyes – Most Helpful, Best in Physical Education

K-3

■ Sofia Madeleine A. Apos-

tol, valedictorian – Most Diligent, Best in Numbers, Best in Bible, Best in Language Development, Perfect Attendance, Citizenship Award

■ Aletheia Amber T. Cariso, salutatorian – Most Responsible, Best in Phonics, Best in Skills Development, Leadership Award

■ Jeyvon Jake C. Demapan, B Honor – Neatest, Best in Physical Education

■ Zylar Ginryuu C. Magofina, B Honor – Friendliest

■ Nathaniel Jay A. Reyes – Most Energetic

■ Klive Avan Cecilio – Most Generous

■ Jan Michael L. Santos – Most Behaved



Golden Harvest International School had their motorcade of Mustang convertibles last Saturday, June 13, from the Minatchom Atdao pavilion.

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Life conversations at ‘Your Humanities Half-Hour’

The radio program “Your Humanities Half-Hour” has been on the air on Power 99 Saipan every Sunday for about a decade now and has already managed to run the gamut of everything that the humanities stands for, whether that is history, contemporary culture, literature, jurisprudence, and even religion.

In short, the humanities basically cover all subjects except math and science, according to the program’s director and host Catherine Perry, who has been a mainstay with the program when it started 10 years ago.



BEA CABRERA
Your Humanities Half-Hour radio program host Catherine Perry. “I enjoy connecting with people and I think the show works for me also because I love asking questions.”

For those who are not in the know, “Your Humanities Half-Hour” is a radio program of the Northern Marianas Humanities Council that airs for half an hour every Sunday at 11am. It features conversations that aim to advance humanities-based projects in the CNMI and life stories that draw you into someone you may or may not know that has done meaningful things.

NMHC executive director Leo Pangelinan said that the radio program to engage the community in humanities-based topics and people knowledgeable about these topics.

“The humanities is a broad field, however, we try to touch on topics that are relevant or salient at any given moment. The show also gives us the opportunity to showcase the projects funded through our Community Grant Program or other projects through the perspective of a leader, participant, scholar or expert,” he said. “The show also provides a platform for individuals or groups in our community to share their accounts of important events, opinions on issues, and personal experiences.”

One of the facets of the program that the show’s host, Perry, loves is when people she features in her program talks about things that are close to their hearts. “The fact that people are willing to open up means a lot,” Perry said. “...Sometimes the conversation is personal, ... sometimes people share things that are close to their hearts and I feel very humbled when they do that because it shows I’ve helped make a place for them to do that and to open their heart to the community and I think those shows are very powerful.”

Personally, Perry really enjoys talking about indigenous culture because “any way that we can document facts, truths, and knowledge about it will only help us protect and perpetuate the culture...”

“Your Humanities Half-Hour” airs on Power 99 and is heard all over Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. The show also airs in Guam via The Shark Marianas radio and the show is archived on NMHC’s YouTube Channel. “Our communities have a lot in common and there has been an increase in collaborative projects between our is-

lands. In that regard, we see our show as an important medium for promoting an awareness of our common history, issues, and interests,” Pangelinan said.

He attributes much of the show’s appeal and success to the effort and commitment that Perry has put into it from the start. “She has a knack for bringing out the best in people and developing high quality content that matters. We are looking at other ways to feature interviews through internet-based social media platforms, however, as long as our community tune in to radio on Sundays and feedback suggests that the show adds value to their lives, we will continue to keep this program on the air,” Pangelinan added.

Perry herself enjoys connecting with people “and I think the show works for me also because I love asking questions. ...Listening to people share their stories is something I will always be doing in some capacity. The show this Sunday will celebrate Father’s Day, which is going to be really powerful and I don’t say that lightly as everyone can relate to having a father.”

The show has kept airing though the COVID-19 pandemic but Perry said that they had to modify the production a bit. “The production room that we usually use doesn’t allow for social distancing so I do interview now either at the lobby of the station or outside the station.

For topic or conversations ideas you want featured in the radio program, email Perry at cperry@integrity-communications.net. (Bea Cabrera)

2020 FATHER’S DAY GREETING FROM MAYOR DAVID M. APATANG

Greetings to all fathers and father figures, here at home and to those who are away, Happy Father’s Day. This Father’s Day, we thank all fathers for their passionate love and care for those around them. To all fathers in active duty in the United States Armed Forces, the National Guard, and Reserve, have a blessed and relaxing Father’s Day.

Happy Father’s Day and God bless.



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MAGDALENA NAKATSUKASA MARATITA, Deceased.)
Civil Action No. 19-0374-CV)
NOTICE OF HEARING)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Petition for Decree of Final Distribution in the above-entitled matter will be heard before the Honorable Joseph N. Camacho, Associate Judge, on the 9th of July, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., at the Supreme courtroom, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, before Judge Joseph N. Camacho. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the hearing and show cause, if any, why the order should not be made.

It is further ordered, to avoid any unnecessary delays: (a) those who will be attending in-person in the courtroom, COVID-19 protective measures such as social distancing, use of mask and sanitizers, etc. are enforced. (b) those who will be attending via video conference shall file a Request with a Proposed Order. If granted, the party(ies)/attorney(s) shall contact the Deputy Clerk Adeline Tereyama at (670) 235-4261 or via email at adelinetereyama@nmjudiciary.com to test the video conference system in advance.

Dated this 17th day of June, 2020.

/s/
Hon. JOSEPH N. CAMACHO
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

THE ESTATE OF JOSE REBUENOG LIFOFOI, Deceased.)
CIVIL ACTION NO. 20-0169-CV)
NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS)
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020)
Time: 10:00 a.m.)
Judge: Joseph N. Camacho)

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE JOSE REBUENOG LIFOFOI OR HIS ESTATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Cecilia H. Lifofoi has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to issue Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jose Rebuenog Lifofoi, the deceased. The hearing on the Petition is scheduled to be heard on the date and at the time set forth above at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing. Any and all persons, creditors, or entities having claims against the deceased or his Estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of this publication or the claim(s) will be barred. A copy of your claim should also be sent to the attorney for Petitioner, CHARITY R. HODSON, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 502607, Saipan, MP 96950.

It is further ordered, to avoid any unnecessary delays: (a) those who will be attending in-person in the courtroom, COVID-19 protective measures such as social distancing, use of mask and sanitizers, etc. are enforced. (b) those who will be attending via video conference shall file a Request with a Proposed Order. If granted, the party(ies)/attorney(s) shall contact the Deputy Clerk Adeline Tereyama at (670) 235-4261 or via email at adelinetereyama@nmjudiciary.com to test the video conference system in advance.

Dated this 15th day of June, 2020.

/s/
Judge Joseph Norita Camacho

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To make a reservation, call COTA's One Call/One Click Transportation Information Resource Center two days in advance at (670) 664-2690.

COTA's hours of operation are as follows: Monday to Friday: 6:30am-7pm; Saturday, Sundays, and holidays: 6:30am-4pm.

For more information, contact (670) 664-2682. (PR)

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The CNMI's Tri-Agency partner—the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, and the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. or NMPASI—more popularly known by their acronyms as CDD, UCEDD, and NMPASI, continue to make their respective services available to the public but within the scope and parameters of directives regarding COVID-19 and preventative measures.

As much as possible, initiate contact with these offices remotely (via telephone, email, etc.) or adhere to general preventative measures as directed (including but not limited to wearing face masks and social distancing guidelines) when visiting any of these offices. Note that the UCEDD office (on the NMC campus) is currently not able to take walk-ins or accept visitors on-site until further notice; however, staff are available remotely via any of the contact information as listed below:

■ CDD: (670) 664-7000/5 [voice] or cnmicouncil-ondd@gmail.com

■ UCEDD: (670) 234-5498 Ext. 6801/6808 or cnmi.ucedd@marianas.edu

■ NMPASI: (670) 235-7273/4 [voice]; (670) 235-7275 [fax]; www.nmpasi.org; www.facebook.com/NMPASI, or follow us on Instagram @nmpasi670. (PR)

CPA sets new airport procedures

Effective today, June 18, 2020, the Commonwealth Ports Authority has set the following departure drop-off and arrival pick-up procedures for the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. There will be no waiting allowed at the terminal.

FOR DEPARTURES:

■ Only departure drop-offs

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FOR ARRIVALS:

■ Drive-thru pick-ups only.

■ People waiting to pick up a passenger must wait in the main parking lot. (PR)

MHS report card distribution

Marianas High School will have its report card distribution until June 24, 2020. Report cards may be picked up at the main office Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 11:30am and 12:30pm to 4:30pm. If you wish to have your child's report card emailed, send your request to melanie.sablan@cnmipss.org or christine.tudela@cnmipss.org. You are also welcome to call in your request at 237-3202. (PR)

Medicaid Office updates business hours

Beginning Monday, June 22, 2020, the CNMI State Medicaid Agency office will be accepting walk-in clients on Monday-Thursday, from 7:30am to 12pm. The use of masks and social distancing will be strictly enforced for the health and safety of all clients.

Medicaid would also like to remind the public that clients can still drop off their applications via the drop box located at their Capital Hill office and new/returning applicants can pick up all application forms right next to the drop-box or on their website at <http://medicaid.cnmi.mp/index.php/sma-services/medicaid-application-forms>.

For more information, contact the following:

For general information:

■ Frank Camacho (franklincamacho@cnmimedicicaid.com) or 664-4880

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■ Soledad Cabrera (soledadcabrera@cnmimedicicaid.com) or 664-4887

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It's not enough to apologize to Colin Kaepernick. The NFL needs to give him a job



National Football League Commissioner Roger Goodell may have just been trying to score PR points with players and the public this month when he tweeted out a statement condemning systemic racism, acknowledging that there would be no NFL without black players and encouraging players to “speak out and peacefully protest.”

But if Goodell wants to be taken seriously when he says that the league is listening to players, that it acknowledges the struggles of black Americans and that it wants to “improve and go forward,” the place to start is by ensuring Colin Kaepernick has a job again as an NFL quarterback.

We can spend hours dissecting Kaepernick's abilities as a player, but comparing him to the dozens of other quarterbacks who've played in the three years he's been sidelined—some of them stars, many of them hacks—is beside the point. He didn't get a tryout with a single team, and that's not because of his skills or his salary; as various NFL insiders and analysts have acknowledged, he was frozen out because he had the audacity during the 2016 season to “take a knee” while the national anthem was playing.

Kaepernick's protests, which were intended to draw attention to police brutality and discrimination against black people, inspired many of his fellow players, but they also riled fans, triggered President Donald Trump and pushed controversy into the face of owners who run from it. Goodell has promised an end to such cowardice, but his tweet is meaningless unless the league welcomes back the

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Safe gun storage is crucial as children are at home during the pandemic

By **CASSANDRA CRIFASI** and **KATHERINE HOOPS**
THE BALTIMORE SUN

As summer quickly approaches, our pre-coronavirus lives feel like a lifetime ago. While we wear masks in public spaces and maintain social distancing, a persistent thought in the backs of our minds is that suicide attempts and unintentional gun injuries among children and adolescents haven't stopped because we are in the midst of a pandemic.

As a public health researcher and a pediatrician specializing in critical care, we work to reduce gun-related injuries and deaths among children in different ways, but we share a common bond as mothers and gun owners. We understand the desire to keep our families safe as we adapt to these difficult and unprecedented times, but the high number of gun purchases in the U.S. during the pandemic has us worried.

Despite our best efforts to step up to the new challenges brought forth by COVID-19, children have found themselves with more unsupervised time at home than ever before. Even as many states slowly begin to reopen, with remote learning ending as we transition to summer break, children may remain socially isolated, struggling with anxiety or depression, facing the cancellation of summer programs or the loss of summer job opportunities.

Prior to the pandemic, an estimated one-third of children in the U.S. lived in a home with a gun, and fewer than half of guns were stored safely. While parents may think children do not know where guns are stored, roughly 75% of children know where the gun is and about one-third have handled the gun. During the pandemic, gun sales, especially among first-time buyers, have surged, exposing more children to potential risk. While we work to protect our communities, we must also protect our children from the dangers in our own homes. Otherwise the headlines of children finding unsecured guns and harming themselves or others will continue.

The safest home for children is a home without guns. In homes in which a gun is present, safe storage can reduce unintentional injury by children, while still providing responsible gun owners the ability to defend themselves and their family. At a minimum,

guns should be stored unloaded and separate from ammunition, but children and other at-risk individuals in the home are increasingly protected by the application of an external locking device (like a cable lock) or by placing the unloaded gun into a drawer or wall safe.

Additionally, some police departments and gun shops offer the option to, at least temporarily, store your gun outside the home. Despite not all gun owners storing their firearms safely, public opinion polling demonstrates that it is a well-supported practice across demographics. Nearly 75% of adults in the U.S., including 60% of gun owners, support requiring people to lock up their guns when not in use to prevent unsupervised access by children or teens.

Safe gun storage has been shown to reduce suicide by youth and others who may be at risk in the home. By practicing safe storage, we can limit access to such lethal means both during times of acute crisis and as we adapt to our new pandemic norms. We encourage you to reach out to your friends, loved ones and neighbors and continue using available technologies to stay socially connected while we maintain a safe physical distance.

But let's also go the extra step and ask our loved ones if there are firearms in the home and whether they are safely stored. Ask friends who are still isolating; ask people whose homes you may be visiting as your areas open up or if you choose to form “quaranteams”; and continue to ask about the presence of guns in the homes your children visit when life eventually returns to normal.

Over the last three months, we have risen to the challenges presented by COVID-19. As we continue to do so, we must also ask ourselves to keep our children safe from the dangers right at home: unintentional deaths and suicide by firearms. Safely storing guns can help keep them out of the hands of children, teens or other at-risk individuals and promote safety in our homes as we protect ourselves and our families.

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Why I'm running as a Democrat and why the CNMI needs a two-party system

In case you did not see the press release in Wednesday's paper, I have decided to run as a Democrat in this November's election, along with my House minority colleagues, Reps. Tina Sablan, Sheila Babauta, and Richard Lizama. Rep. Donald Manglona from Rota also announced that he is running as an Independent aligned with the Democrats, and is in full support of the Democratic team. Rep. Edmund Villagomez is running as an Independent and we will continue to work together and support each other as a family. We respect each other's decisions as we seek re-election, and we hope we have earned your trust as public servants. I am so very proud of our minority team and love and respect them beyond words.

Before I explain to you why I'm running as a Democrat and why the CNMI is in dire need of a two-party or maybe even 10-party system, I want to thank you on behalf of myself and my family for allowing me to represent you. I continue to work for you, and have never forgotten my role and why you put me in this position. While my family and I have made financial sac-

rifices since I became a representative and I have grown used to making a much smaller salary than I did as a federally funded program manager at Head Start, we adapt and endure and embrace the fact that there is more to life than money, and that public service comes with sacrifice. I am the same guy who fought against 80% salary increases for myself and my colleagues, never took an allowance or a bribe or kickback, and continue to be a fiscal conservative when it comes to spending taxpayer dollars. You deserve to know how your government leaders spend your taxpayer dollars, whether it is local or federal funding.

So why Democrat? For starters, I want to see an end to a one-party rule that we have had to endure for many decades. Monopolies that rule businesses or governments are never a good thing. Giving our people options and providing checks and balances is crucial to democracy. And I welcome more than just a two-party system. Democracies should have multiple parties, and a wide array of options. But I am focusing my time and energy into rebuilding the CNMI Democratic Party, the "People's Party," and I hope you will join us. This party can be as successful as we will it to be. And what I appreciate is that we can be very open-minded within the Democratic Party. What we are focused on are core principles and a platform that ultimately puts people first and special interests last. Within the CNMI Democratic Party, there are lively debates, and differences of opinion, because that is where democracy thrives. To be progressive is to challenge the status quo and to realize that change is a part of life, but that change must be for the betterment of our people, our community, our future.

In the CNMI Democratic Party, your beliefs and ideas matter, so long as they do not infringe on a person's rights and are not disrespectful to one's race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion or non-religion. Everyone has a seat at the table, and we welcome you, because you are the change we've been waiting for.

Can you be a conservative and a Democrat? Of course. I am a fiscal conservative who continues to question government

By EDWIN K. PROPST

Special to the Saipan Tribune



Rep. Edwin Propst is a representative of Precinct 1 and is the minority leader in the House of Representatives of the 21st CNMI Legislature.

runaway spending, most especially when government funds are misused and abused. I believe in a government that lives within its means and have spoken out against the overspending we've seen in the last three fiscal years, where the CNMI government ran a deficit, despite the outpouring of money coming in from the casino industry and federal disaster assistance and reimbursements.

The CNMI Democratic Party is bigger than any one person. There may be a person you don't agree with, or like. That is to be expected. But I ask that you look beyond personalities and focus on the principles of growing a party that will offer solutions to our current problems and will happily discuss and debate the issues affecting all of us. Will you join us? I certainly hope you will.

Perhaps one of the greatest challenges in the CNMI we all have had to endure for far too long is a climate of fear. There is retribution for speaking out against government, and it comes in the form of losing one's job. That practice of intimidation has to end. Jobs should not be dependent on a person's loyalty, but on a person's merit and performance.

On behalf of my wife, Daisy, and our children, I thank you for your love and support. I continue to work for you. You matter. And this government belongs to you and your family. These are my core beliefs, and it shall never change. *Un dangkulu na si yu'us ma'ase, ghilissow, maraming salamat po*, thank you!

Father's Day greeting

By DAVID M. APATANG

Special to the Saipan Tribune



David M. Apatang is the mayor of Saipan.

Greetings to all fathers and father figures, here at home and to those who are away. We celebrate Father's Day once a year, and how each of us celebrates this special day might be different from one another. But the sincere message in how each of us celebrates Father's Day is possibly identical, no matter how differently we do it. We show how grateful we are for all the things fathers do in their lives to make our lives cheerful, safe, and loved. Fathers are a positive influence and role model and a mentor to those around him, their families, members of the community, and most especially their children. A father figure can be found in grandfathers, uncles, brothers, coaches, teachers, and friends. This Father's Day, we thank all fathers for passionately ensuring his loved ones' wellbeing.

For some in our community whose fathers are no longer around, cherish their memory so that their love continues to live on. Honor and remember the great impact they had in your and others' lives.

To all fathers in active duty in the United States Armed Forces, the National Guard, and Reserve, have a blessed and relaxing Father's Day

Happy Father's Day and God bless.

KAEPERNICK

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guy brave enough to put his career on the line for his beliefs.

The NFL may think it resolved its Kaepernick problem when it reached confidential settlements in 2019 to the collusion lawsuits he and former 49ers safety Eric Reid brought against the league. And ultimately, whether Kaepernick is signed will be up to one of the 32 teams that has refused even to bring him in for a workout. But Goodell's credibility, and the league's, is on the line here (which Goodell seems to recognize; on Monday, he told ESPN that he would welcome a team signing Kaepernick, and "I encourage them to do that"). If the NFL wants the world to believe that it respects its players' voices and their protests, it needs Kaepernick back in uniform.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the US Navy Seabees now on Tinian

For those Seabees now on Tinian who may have read about the CNMI legislative resolution castigating the U.S. Military, please be assured that the majority of us on Tinian, especially we veterans, do not agree with the content or intent of the resolution.

We are very thankful for all that the U.S. Navy Seabees and Marines have done for the people of Tinian since Super Typhoon Yutu, helping rebuild our homes and our community. We appreciate very sincerely your recent reconstruction of the Tinian Children's Park, knowing that you were undoubtedly thinking of your own families and children as you sweated under Tinian's hot sun for our children and our families.

It is unfortunate that a few individuals have forgotten that it was a deal made with the U.S. Department of Defense back in 1975 that led to the creation of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands through a Covenant that was negotiated between equals under the basic concept of mutual consent. It also led to the creation of the CNMI Constitution. Thus the CNMI enjoys a political status far superior to any other territory of the United States and the DoD leases—not owns—two thirds of Tinian. It is worthy to note that the lease agreement has been modified more than once at the request of the people of Tinian. Today, fully one half of the leased lands are now under a "leaseback" agreement and are home to a large number of Tinian's cattle ranches.

Some individuals in high office have apparently also forgotten that when the DoD made a bad offer, such as in the Commonwealth Joint Military Training plan, incorporating a high impact artillery range on Tinian, which would have created a "duded area" around the north Broadway circle, we said, "No!" And, the plan was

dropped. This demonstrated that the EIS system works and needs no further comment. However, if the military were to make a new proposal to utilize their leased lands on Tinian that would be mutually beneficial, it would receive a fair hearing from the people of Tinian.

As an example, the Department of the Air Force requested a lease on a parcel of land immediately adjacent to the existing Tinian commuter terminal. This, too, went through the EIS procedure. Fortunately, our Commonwealth Ports Authority board of directors was able to negotiate a mutually beneficial agreement wherein the DoD received the lease they needed to construct a divert facility and the CPA received a \$20 some million lease payment to build the facilities Tinian needed to turn what is now the world's largest commuter terminal into an international airport. Those lease funds will also pay for the reconstruction of our dock and pave the roads in Marpo Heights II Subdivision. This, again, demonstrated that the system works. The Seabees are now prepared to begin work on the harbor and the road paving program. And when the \$350-million construction project begins later this year, it will produce a significant windfall of jobs and revenues not just for Tinian but for the CNMI.






The people of Tinian do need to meet with Joint Region Marianas to discuss the condition of the roads on the leased lands, which have deteriorated significantly over the 75 years since the Seabees created and paved them. This can be done amicably through the Tinian Civilian-Military Advisory Council, as provided for in the Technical Agreement to the Covenant. Unfortunately, although JRM is has been favorable toward the establishment of this council, the last three governors of the CNMI have refused to authorize its creation. This would be an appropriate subject for a legislative resolution.

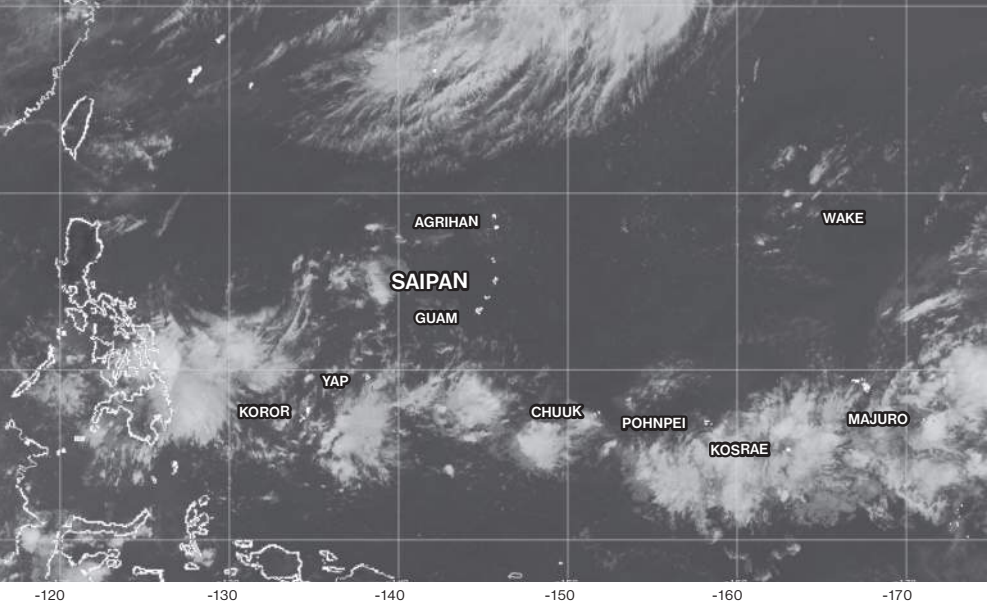
Bottom line—the system works and should be respected by the CNMI leadership.

Don A. Farrell

Marpo Heights, Tinian

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY	
									
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.		Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	
90°	78°	90°	79°	90°	79°	89°	79°	89°	78°
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE									



PICTURE TIME: 6:15 AM, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2020

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

The current dry pattern will persist through the week with just a few showers expected. Based on satellite imagery and model outlooks for the next few days, have reduced POPs and cloud cover through Saturday. Moisture will increase slightly over the weekend and early next week.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

- Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.
- Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.
- Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.
- Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.
- Create a household plan of action, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklist-household-ready.html>
- Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

able, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.


For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mp and, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at <http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html> and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.



- ### Continue good hand hygiene

 - Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
 - Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

- ### Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

 - Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:
 - Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.
 - Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not avail-

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

Source: Office of the Governor

MICRONESIA			▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	88° / 79°	
Palau	Thunderstorm	84° / 77°	
Yap	Thunderstorm	86° / 80°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	85° / 78°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	85° / 76°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	85° / 76°	
Majuro	Thunderstorm	84° / 79°	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Saturday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Sunday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Monday	5:48 AM	6:49 PM
Tuesday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	3:55 AM	5:00 PM	-
Saturday	4:40 AM	5:54 PM	-
Sunday	5:28 AM	6:50 PM	-
Monday	6:21 AM	7:46 PM	-
Tuesday	7:18 AM	8:41 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Showers	57° / 48°	
Beijing	Sunny	93° / 68°	
Hong Kong	Thunderstorm	87° / 75°	
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	87° / 75°	
London	Cloudy	72° / 57°	
Los Angeles	Sunny	77° / 63°	
Manila	Thunderstorm	88° / 79°	
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	57° / 37°	
Miami	Partly Cloudy	84° / 78°	
New York	Partly Cloudy	89° / 69°	
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	82° / 72°	
Paris	Partly Cloudy	79° / 57°	
Busan	Partly Cloudy	79° / 68°	
Rome	Mostly Sunny	90° / 66°	
Salem	Partly Cloudy	91° / 73°	
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	62° / 51°	
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	84° / 64°	
Tokyo	Rain	70° / 64°	
Washington, DC	Thunderstorm	90° / 73°	

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
12:00 AM	LOW TIDE	1.29	
5:22 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.97	
12:43 PM	LOW TIDE	0.11	
7:49 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.89	

FLIGHT SCHEDULE

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	9:15am	9:55am	1, 4, 6	UA174	7:30am	8:11am	1, 4, 6

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

SAIPAN TO ROTA				ROTA TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301.2	8:30AM	9:00AM	Tues/Fri	3101.2	9:30AM	10:00AM	Tues/Fri
1303	3:30PM	4:00PM	Tues/Fri	3103	4:30PM	5:00PM	Tues/Fri

ROTA TO GUAM				GUAM TO ROTA			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable	4301	13:00	13:30	Temporarily Unavailable

SAIPAN TO TINIAN				TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00	7:15	Temporarily Unavailable	2101	7:30	7:45	Temporarily Unavailable
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily	2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily	2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Temporarily Unavailable	2104	10:30	10:45	Temporarily Unavailable
1205	11:00	11:15	Temporarily Unavailable	2105	11:30	11:45	Temporarily Unavailable
1206	12:00	12:15	Temporarily Unavailable	2106	12:30	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable
				2107	13:30	13:45	Temporarily Unavailable
				2108	14:30	14:45	Temporarily Unavailable
				2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
				2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
				2111	17:30	17:45	Temporarily Unavailable
				2112	18:30	18:45	Temporarily Unavailable



NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

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Seabees help work around travel restrictions on Tinian

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM—Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, in partnership with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5 Seabees, worked together to overcome COVID-19 restrictions by performing innovative virtual site visits on Tinian.

In early April, NAVFAC Pacific issued solicitations for the first two projects in the U.S. Air Force's Tinian

Divert program and scheduled in-person visits to Tinian for May 2020. However, all flights to Tinian stopped in April due to COVID-19 restrictions. This prevented any government employee or contractor from traveling to Tinian for in-person site visits. With flights cancelled and Tinian not having a military installation on it, there were no Department of Defense employees on-island to

facilitate a virtual site visit.

"Site visits for the cargo pad with taxiway extension project...along with the maintenance support facility...project, were critical because Tinian is a remote island...with very little recent construction activity," said NAVFAC Pacific project manager Kemper Thrun. "It was important for the contractor to see the site conditions and understand the surroundings on the island."

NAVFAC Pacific was aware that the Seabee Battalion was on-island for unrelated efforts and reached out

to 30th Naval Construction Regiment, which connected NMCB 5 detail to assist with the virtual site visits. Without hesitation, NMCB 5 Seabees were immediately onboard to work with the NAVFAC team to acquire up-to-date video and imagery of the site, haul route, and seaport.

"Our deployment to Tinian encountered struggles that we were unable to avoid, so when we received the call to assist NAVFAC Pacific, we did whatever we could to assist because we knew it would help out the Department of the Navy and the lo-

cal population," said NMCB 5 Detail Tinian officer-in-charge Lt. Patrick Daniele.

The virtual site visits consisted of the Seabees capturing video and imagery based on maps provided by NAVFAC Pacific to give contractors comprehensive existing site conditions. The video and imagery files were posted for contractor download on DoD-SAFE, which allowed the NAVFAC Pacific Acquisition office to track when contractors downloaded the file to simulate taking attendance on an in-person site visit.

"The uniqueness of this

virtual site visit was that the island of Tinian was shut down to incoming traffic and there is no base or DoD office/representative on island, but by good fortune, the Seabees were there for a separate project and were willing to assist," said Thrun.

The partnership between NAVFAC and the Seabees avoided lengthy project delays and enabled more accurate and reasonable bidding from the contractors because they were able to see the existing site.

"This really was a team effort and a perfect example of the Seabees 'can-do' mentality," said Thrun. *(USN)*

Shigellosis adds to COVID-19 in Guam

The Department of Public Health and Social Services in Guam is monitoring and investigating cases of Shigellosis.

From January 1 to June 16, 2020, a total of eight Shigellosis cases have been reported (with 100% confirmed). One household contains epidemiologically linked cases, where more than one member of the family has also gotten ill.

Shigellosis is an infectious disease caused by a group of bacteria called Shigella (shih-GEHL-uh). Most who are infected with Shigella develop diarrhea, fever, and stomach cramps starting one to two days after they are exposed to the bacteria, and usually resolve in five to seven days. Although rare, Shigellosis can develop into a serious infection with risk of seizures and even death.

Some people who are infected may have no symptoms at all, but may still pass the Shigella bacteria to others. Shigella spreads easily from one person to another, but can be stopped by frequent and careful handwashing with soap and taking other hygiene

measures.

Infants and young children continue to be at high risk. The majority (63%) of the 2020 cases involve infants and young children (less than 5 years) who have been taken to the emergency room for treatment and many have been hospitalized.

The public is asked to be vigilant about hand-washing, hygiene, and sanitation, especially for people living in overcrowded housing situations, in housing where there is a lack of indoor plumbing, or where contact with fecal matter is possible. Prior studies in Guam have shown that Shigella infections are more common in economically disadvantaged households with poor sanitary conditions.

The community is the first line of defense to protect those in danger and stop this spread. Community members, regardless of their housing situation, need to make sure they have dedicated facilities for washing with soap and water in the bathroom/restroom, and facilities for cooking and washing dishes in the kitchen. *(PR)*

PUBLIC NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

NSNL Corporation, a CNMI corporation was dissolved on June 18, 2020. NSNL Corporation filed articles of dissolution with the CNMI Registrar of corporation on June 18, 2020. This notice is being published in accordance with 4CMC 4607.

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A claim must include the following information:

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- the name or title of the individual whom NSNL Corporation may contact about the claim and if different from the telephone number of the claimant, the telephone number of such individual;
- the facts supporting the claim;
- any other information that may assist NSNL Corporation in evaluating the claim.

The claim may be sent to:

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Attention: President

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DATED AND PUBLISHED this 18th of June 2020.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR)

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, INDIVIDUALS, AGENCIES AND GROUPS:

Notice is hereby given that the Office of the Governor through NMHC is soliciting for citizen input and suggestions for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Action Plan commencing on June 19, 2020 to July 20, 2020. The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) will receive \$243,946,000 as a result of Disaster Nos. 4396 and 4404. Not less than \$195,157,000 must be utilized in HUD-identified "most impacted and distressed" areas of Tinian and Saipan. The main purpose of this public notice is to inform the public about program requirements and regulations concerning the usage of disaster recovery funds as a result of Typhoon Mangkhut and Super Typhoon Yutu.

All citizens are encouraged to provide input on how the CDBG-DR funds will be allocated and used. The purpose of CDBG-DR funding is to address significant unmet needs for long-term recovery. There is an array of eligible activities for CDBG-DR funding that include:

- Housing
- Disaster Relief
- Long Term-Recovery
- Restoration of Infrastructure
- Economic Revitalization

Further information on the program and Action Plan may be obtained by contacting Mr. Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director or Ms. Zenie P. Mafnas, Deputy Corporate Director at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation at 670-234-6866/9447 or by visiting NMHC's website at www.nmhc.gov.net. Written comments may be faxed to fax no. (670) 234-9021, mailed to P.O. Box 500514 Saipan, MP 96950, or emailed to email address cnmi-cdbg-dr@nmhc.gov.net.

/s/
Ralph DLG. Torres, Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern
Mariana Islands

/s/
Arnold I. Palacios, Lt. Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern
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CLASSES of 2020

Business

Seaside

Restaurant

reopens with \$10 lunch specials



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Saipan Seaside Restaurant is located along Beach Road beside the Cabrera Center in Garapan and is open 11am-2pm for lunch and 5pm-8pm for dinner.

By MARK RABAGO

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ASSOCIATE EDITOR

A Chinese restaurant that's been closed since the end of January due to COVID-19's effect on the tourism industry reopened last Monday with a focus on catering to island residents.

Saipan Seaside Restaurant chef Chen Chuzhong said they shuttered their doors last Jan. 30 soon after the coronavirus outbreak started in China, whose tourists are the Beach Road establishment's main source of revenue.

"Now we've opened last June 15. To ensure the safety of employees and customers, all our workers are equipped with masks and disposable



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Saipan Seaside Restaurant's salt and pepper ribs.

gloves. ...We'd also refuse customers who exhibit a fever," he said.

Aside from those safety protocols, Saipan Seaside Restaurant also has hand sanitizers at the ready, distance and direction

signs to guide customers, tables that are 6 feet apart, and no more than four people per table.

Before COVID-19, the restaurant, which was founded by Jose C. Cabrera in 2005, hosted anywhere between 200 and

250 customers, mostly tourists.

"Since we made some money before, we were able to survive somehow the past six months. This is a global disaster. We will not blame any country or region. I believe that the people of the islands need to unite to defeat the virus," said Chen.

Saipan Seaside Restaurant's reboot in the time of coronavirus will now rely on enticing the resident market.

For starters, Chen has been offering \$10 special lunches since Monday. Customers can choose from four different dishes that come with a free soup and drink.

Just some of the special lunches Chen has whipped up are sweet and sour pork, fried steak, hot and sour cucumber, and fried spring rolls; salt and pepper ribs, fish fillets, kimchi, and mapo tofu; garlic pork chops, fried chicken, corn pancakes, hot and

sour cucumber; and beef with oyster sauce, chicken, French fries, and kimchi.

"I can make food that's local such as sweet and sour pork, mapo tofu, roast duck, various pizzas, salt and pepper ribs, New Orleans fried chicken, salt and pepper yoghurt, peach salad shrimp, salt and pepper prawns, etc.," he added.

The 47-year-old Chen has lived on Saipan since 1998 and has been working as a chef for 30 years now. "My two daughters were born here too. We have regarded this as [our] second home. I love this [island] and the local people," he said.

Saipan Seaside Restaurant is located along Beach Road beside the Cabrera Center in Garapan and is open 11am-2pm for lunch and 5pm-8pm for dinner. For more information or reservations, call 235-1033 or go to their Facebook page.

TO FURTHER PROTECT PASSENGERS, EMPLOYEES AGAINST COVID-19 SPREAD

United Airlines strengthens onboard mask policy

CHICAGO—United Airlines announced that, along with other Airlines for America (A4A) members, it will strengthen mandatory mask

policies to further mitigate against the spread of COVID-19 and help continue to keep passengers and crew safe. While the overwhelm-

ing majority of passengers are complying with United's mandatory policy, starting on June 18, any passenger that

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HUMAN-CAUSED THREATS TO SEA TURTLES

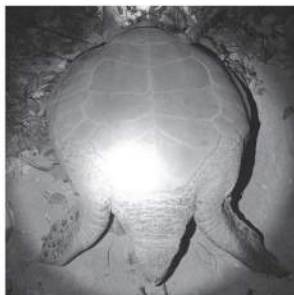
Sea turtles have been on Earth for millions of years, but due to human actions they are now at risk of extinction.

Commercial Fishing



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Illegal Poaching for Food and Trade

CNMI'S PRIMARY THREAT!

Although illegal, sea turtles are hunted for food, decorations, and jewelry. Due to many years of intense harvesting, less than 20 nesting green sea turtles remain in the CNMI population. Hawksbill turtles no longer nest in the CNMI. There's still hope to revive CNMI's sea turtle population, but we need your help. **If you see something, say something!**



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Save a turtle, call our hotline if you see illegal poaching activities, or dead, injured, or trapped turtles.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES

BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON REHABILITATION PROJECT NO. CPA-RA-001-20 (AIP PENDING)

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Design Services for the rehabilitation of the aircraft parking apron at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport, on the island of Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project is being funded by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available for pick up at the CPA Administration Office, 2nd floor of the Arrival Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Monday through Thursday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. No fee is required for obtaining the package.

Questions regarding this request can be hand delivered to the CPA Administration Office, emailed to Ms. Wendi L. Prater at wprater@cpa.gov.mp, or faxed to 670-234-5962, but must be submitted prior to the submission date mentioned below.

Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330. The statements will be evaluated based on the criteria as detailed in the RFQ package.

The qualification statements shall be delivered to CPA's Administration Office, 2nd floor of the Arrival Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, by no later than **5:00 p.m. MONDAY, JULY 6, 2020**, Chamorro Standard Time (CHST).

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: 6/3/2020

UNITED

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does not comply when on-board a United flight will be placed on an internal travel restriction list. Customers on this list will lose their travel privileges on United for a duration of time to be determined pending a comprehensive incident review.

United currently requires all passengers to wear a face covering onboard its flights and expects that policy to remain in place for at least the next 60 days. The only exceptions to this policy are individuals who have a medical condition or a disability that prevents them from wearing a face covering, those who cannot put on or remove a face covering themselves and small children. Customers are expected to wear a mask for the duration of the flight, except when eating or drinking.

“Every reputable health institution says wearing a mask is one of the most effective things people can do to protect others from contracting COVID-19, especially in places like an aircraft where social distancing is a challenge,” said United’s Chief Customer Officer, Toby Enqvist. “We have been requiring our customers to wear masks onboard United aircraft since May 4 and we have been pleased that the overwhelming majority of passengers readily comply with our policy. Today’s announcement is an unmistakable signal that we’re prepared to take serious steps, if necessary, to protect our customers and crew.”

Under this new policy, if a flight attendant notices or is informed of a customer onboard who is not wearing a face covering and that passenger does not fall within an exception, the flight attendant will proactively inform the customer that for the health and safety of everyone, face coverings are mandatory for all customers and crew on board. They will also offer to provide the customer with a mask if needed. If the customer continues to be non-compliant, flight attendants will do their best to de-escalate the situation, again inform the customer of United’s policy, and provide the passenger with an In-Flight Mask policy reminder card. If a customer continues to not comply, the flight attendant will file a report of the incident, which will initiate a formal review process. Any final decision or actions regarding a customer’s future flight benefits will not occur onboard but instead take place after the flight has reached its destination and the security team has investigated the incident.

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“U.S. airlines are very serious about requiring face coverings on their flights. Carriers are stepping up enforcement of face coverings and implementing substantial consequences for those who do not comply with the rules,” said A4A President and CEO Nicholas E. Calio. “Face coverings are one of several public health measures recommended by the CDC as an important layer of protection for passengers and customer-facing employees.”

In April, United became the first major U.S.-based airline to require flight attendants to wear a face mask while on duty, and beginning in May, expanded that mandate to include all employees and customers on board. This includes front-line workers like pilots, customer service agents and ramp workers when on board an aircraft, along with any other United employees traveling using their flight benefits.

“Wearing a mask is a critical part of helping make air travel safer,” said Dr. James Merlino, Chief Clinical Transformation Officer at Cleveland Clinic. “The more people in a given space wearing masks, the fewer viral particles are making it into the space around them, decreasing exposure and risk.”

The airline’s mask policy is an important part of the United CleanPlus program, which brings together one of the most trusted brands in surface disinfection—Clorox—and the country’s top medical experts—Cleveland Clinic—to inform and guide United’s new cleaning, safety and social distancing protocols. As part of this program, United is taking a layered approach to help protect passengers and employees on board. In addition to requiring masks, United Airlines planes have HEPA grade filters that recirculate air every 2-3 minutes, and the airline is using electrostatic sprayers to disinfect the cabin before flights.


In addition to the onboard actions, United has implemented dozens of other new procedures at other points in the travel journey including offering touchless check-in for baggage at more than 200 locations, asking customers to complete a health assessment at check-in, installing sneeze guards and adjusting the boarding process. (PR)

» Airline will suspend travel privileges of any customer who refuses to wear a mask on the aircraft



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

As of June 19, 2020

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Phoenix Enterprises Inc.	05/20/2020 SLR-2018-X-114-R3	Hobie Cat Sailing & Snorkeling Tour Operation	Saipan Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/04/2020
2. Big Boy Marine Sports, Inc. dba Big Boy's II Marine	05/28/2020 SLR-2018-080-R3	Parasailing	Saipan Lagoon, Designated Parasailing Zone	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/04/2020
3. Big Boy Marine Sports, Inc. dba Big Boy's II Marine	05/28/2020 SLR-2018-X-081-R3, Amendment 2020-1	Personal Water Craft & Helmet Diving	Saipan Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/08/2020
4. Big Boy Marine Sports, Inc. dba Big Boy's II Marine	05/28/2020 SLR-2018-X-120-R3	Banana Boat, Kayaking, Stand Up Paddle Boarding, Snorkeling	Lagoon Areas fronting Fiesta Resort & Mañagaha, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/04/2020
5. Big Boy Marine Sports, Inc.	05/28/2020 SLR-2018-X-121-R3	Banana Boat, Kayaking, Stand Up Paddle Boarding, Snorkeling	Lagoon Areas fronting Kanoa Resort Hotel	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/04/2020
6. Rubin Corporation	05/28/2020 RLR-2018-X-0608-R3	Scuba Diving Operation	All Designated Dive Sites on Rota	Lagoon & Reef	Approved
7. InterPacific Resorts Saipan Corporation dba Pacific Islands Club	05/29/2020 SLR-2018-X-106-R3	Kayaking, Windsurfing, Hobie Cat Sailing, Stand Up Paddle Boarding	Lagoon Areas fronting Pacific Islands Club	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/08/2020
8. Marianas Trekking LLC	05/29/2020 SLR-2018-X-101-R3	Kayaking, Canoeing, Snorkeling, Stand Up Paddle Boarding	Saipan Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/08/2020
9. Bureau of Environmental & Coastal Quality, Division Of Coastal Resources Management	06/02/2020 SLR-2020-X-051	DCRM Coral Culture Facility	Saipan Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review*
10. Saipan Sunset Cruise, Inc.	06/04/2020 SLRm-2020-X-053	In-Water Maintenance	Garapan, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved* 06/10/2020
11. Le Grand Bleu Inc. dba Make Sure Diving	06/05/2020 STLR-2018-X-174-R3	Scuba Diving Tour Operation & Instruction	All Designated Dive Sites on Saipan & Tinian	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/08/2020
12. Saipan Marine Dive Co., Ltd.	06/05/2020 SLR-2018-X-073-R3	Scuba Diving Instruction on Saipan	All Designated Dive Sites	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/08/2020
13. Diving Shop Light House, Inc.	06/09/2020 SLR-2018-X-169-R3	Scuba Diving Tour Operation/ Instruction	All Designated Dive Site on Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/10/2020
14. Zen Corporation dba Aqua Marine Sports	06/09/2020 SLR-2018-X-065-R3	Kayaking, Stand Up Paddle Boarding, Snorkeling, Hobie Cat Sailing	Achugao-San Roque Beach Areas & Grotto, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/15/2020
15. Saipan International Dive Center Inc.	06/09/2020 SLR-2018-X-086-R3	Scuba Diving Instruction	All Designated Diving Sites, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/18/2020
16. Dive Marianas Corporation dba Dive Saipan	06/09/2020 SLR-2018-X-088-R3	Scuba Diving Instruction Saipan	All Designated Diving Sites,	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/18/2020
17. H2M Saipan-Corporation dba H2M Saipan Dive Center	06/10/2020 SLR-2018-X-104-R3	Scuba Diving Tour Operation Instruction	All Designated Diving Sites, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/18/2020
18. Marianas Geotech Services	06/11/2020 SPI-2020-X-044, Amendment 2020-1	Geotechnical Investigation of Delta Dock	Puerto Rico, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Under Review*
19. Wondersea Saipan, Inc.	06/12/2020 STLR-2018-X-103-R3	Scuba Diving Tour Operation	All Designated Dive Sites on Saipan & Tinian	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
20. Hana Tour Service Inc. dba Saipan Hana Tour	06/12/2020 SLR-2018-X-137-R3	Snorkeling Tour Operation	Mañagaha, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
21. Korea Tourism Inc. dba Korean Tours Bureau	06/12/2020 SLR-2018-X-138-R3	Snorkeling Tour Operation	Mañagaha, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
22. Saipan Coral Reef, Inc. dba Coral Reef	06/15/2020 SLR-2018-X-131-R3	Scuba Diving Tour Operation/ Instruction	All Designated Dive Sites on Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
23. B Sea Inc. dba B Sea Sunsports	06/15/2020 SLR-2018-X-076-R3	Banana Boat, Snorkeling	Saipan Lagoon & All Designated Dive Sites on Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
24. B Sea Inc. dba B Sea Sunsports	06/15/2020 SLR-2018-X-077-R3	Parasailing	Saipan Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
25. IRIE, Inc./Blue Palms	06/15/2020 RLR-2018-X-0611-R3	Scuba Diving Operation	All Designated Dive Sites on Rota	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
26. JB International Holding Limited dba Uncle J Dive	06/16/2020 SLR-2020-X-013-R1	Scuba Diving Tour Operation/ Instruction	Obyan Beach, Lau Lau Bay, & Grotto, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
27. Open Knowledge Systems Inc. dba Let's Go Diving	06/16/2020 SLR-2018-X-134-R3	Scuba Diving Tour Operation/ Instruction	All Designated Dive Sites on Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
28. Saipan Stevedore, Inc.	06/16/2020 TPI-2020-X-09	Stevedore Warehouse, Office Building Repair & Rehab Work	San Jose, Tinian	Ports & Industrial	Under Review
29. Office of Grants Management	06/16/2020 SS-2020-X-010	Solar Lights Installation Pathway & Recreational Port Area	Tinian Kammer Beach	Ports & Industrial	Under Review*
30. Marianas Seas Adventures Inc.	06/17/2020 LR-2018-X-071-R3	Scuba Diving Tour Operation	All Designated Dive Sites on Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review

NMIAC §15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulations requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

Nation

Bolton says Trump asked China to help him get reelected

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump “pleaded” with China’s Xi Jinping during a 2019 summit to help his reelection prospects, according to a scathing new book by former Trump adviser John Bolton that accuses the president of being driven by political calculations when making national security decisions.

The White House worked furiously to block the book, asking a federal court for an emergency temporary restraining order Wednesday against its release.

Bolton’s allegations that Trump solicited Chinese help for his reelection effort carried echoes of Trump’s attempt to get political help from Ukraine, which led to his impeachment.

“I am hard-pressed to identify any significant Trump decision during my tenure that wasn’t driven by re-election calculations,” Bolton wrote.

The 577-page book paints an unvarnished portrait of Trump and his administration, amounting to the most vivid, first-person account yet of how Trump conducts himself in office. Several other former officials have written books,



Bolton

but most have been flattering about the president. Other former officials have indicated they were saving their accounts of their time working for Trump until after he left office in order to speak more candidly.

The Associated Press obtained a copy of Bolton’s book in advance of its release next week.

Bolton, Trump’s national security adviser for a 17-month period, called Trump’s attempt to shift the June 2019 conversation with Xi to the U.S. election a stunning move, and wrote that it was among innumerable conversations that he found concerning. He added that Congress should have expanded the scope of its impeachment inquiry to these other incidents.

Deeply critical of the president and much of his senior team, Bolton wrote that because staff had served him so poorly, Trump “saw conspiracies behind rocks, and remained stunningly uninformed on how to run the White House, let alone the huge federal government.”

He added that while he was at the White House, Trump typically had only two intelligence briefings a week “and in most of those, he spoke at greater length than the briefers, often on matters completely unrelated to the subjects at hand.”

Trump was asked about the book Wednesday on Fox News Channel’s “Hannity.” He turned to personal insults, calling Bolton a “washed-up guy. I gave him a chance.”

He also took issue with copies of the book being released. “He broke the law. Very simple. I mean, as much as it’s going to be broken,” Trump said. “It’s highly classified information and he did not have approval.”

The book also includes embarrassing claims that Trump thought Finland was part of Russia, didn’t know that the United Kingdom was a nuclear power and called reporters “scumbags” who should be “executed.”

As for the meeting with the Chinese president in Osa-

ka, Japan, Bolton wrote that Trump told Xi that Democrats were hostile to China.

“He then, stunningly, turned the conversation to the com-

ing U.S. presidential election, alluding to China’s economic capability to affect the ongoing campaigns, pleading with Xi to ensure he’d win,” Bolton said. “He stressed the importance of farmers, and increased Chinese purchases of soybeans and wheat in the electoral outcome.”

Biden calls on Trump to ‘wake up’ to havoc caused by virus

DARBY, Pa. (AP)—Joe Biden unleashed a stinging critique Wednesday of President Donald Trump’s response to the coronavirus, calling on Trump to “wake up” to the havoc caused by the pandemic and do more to prevent further harm.

“Donald Trump wants to style himself as a wartime president,” the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee said at a recreation center in the Philadelphia suburbs. “Unlike any other wartime leader, he takes no responsibility, he exercises no leadership. Now he has just flat surrendered the fight.”

Biden has steadily stepped up his attacks on Trump’s leadership in recent weeks. But his remarks Wednesday were especially sharp, trying to counter the populism Trump hopes to ride to reelection with stern warnings about

how dangerous such an approach would be.

At times pounding his lectern for emphasis, Biden said the Republican president wants to declare the pandemic over even as the outbreak continues to kill Americans and disrupt the economy.

“We may lose some of the progress we’ve begun to make, all because he’s lost interest,” Biden said.

The U.S. has topped 2 million confirmed coronavirus infections, and some states are reporting increases in cases after reopening their economies. A surge has been reported this week in Florida and Arizona, likely political battlegrounds in the November election.


Still, Trump is eager for the country to return to normalcy. He’s hoping that the reopening of businesses and other aspects of life will revive the economy—and his reelection prospects.

Trump will be in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Saturday for his first major campaign rally in months despite concerns from local health officials.

Biden is taking a much different course. He’s spent much of his time inside his Delaware home to prevent the spread of the virus. Most campaign activities, including fundraisers, have moved online, a strategy that probably will continue in the coming weeks.


Biden has announced a virtual fundraiser next week with former President Barack Obama, the first time the two have appeared together in months.

When Biden does make public appearances, they usually are limited to locations in Delaware or nearby Pennsylvania. Those events have included strict rules for wearing masks and practicing social distance.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BID

CUC-IFB-20-022

S-5 AND S-9 SEWER LIFT STATION RENOVATION

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the S-5 and S-9 Sewer Lift Station Renovation project in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists of the renovation of the existing S-5 and S-9 sewer lift stations, including the renovation of the existing generator building and wet well with all new piping, fittings, pumps, generator, and other equipment and appurtenance. The project also includes the installation of a new S-5 forcemain and forcemain inlet structure, the relocation of the existing Hyatt Hotel sewer forcemain to an existing sewer manhole on Coral Tree Avenue, the installation of a new S-9 upstream sewer manhole and gravity main crossing route 308. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the sewer system. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 300 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **June 18, 2020 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **“CUC-IFB-20-022, S-5 and S-9 Sewer Lift Station Renovation”** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) July 2, 2020**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time.

Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.


This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 22, 2020** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to Nicolette Villagomez, CUC Water & Wastewater, Engineer – nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC P&S, Administrative Support Assistant – marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.


CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation



INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-20-023

CHINA TOWN WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of China Town Waterline Replacement in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists, in general installation of a new main waterline and lateral service line; connection to the existing waterline; relocation of water meters from private property to right-of-way, installation of gate valve assembly, air release valves, fire hydrant assembly, flush hydrants; existing lateral service tap relocation; restoration of existing asphalt concrete road; and other related work. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

This project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **365 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **June 25, 2020 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **“CUC-IFB-20-023, China Town Water Line Replacement Project”**, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on July 16, 2020**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidder. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on June 30, 2020** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Ms. Kirztie Alley Reyes, CUC Water/Wastewater Jr. Engineer via email kirztie.reyes@cucgov.org and Ms. Christie L. Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Technician Senior via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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World

Race for virus vaccine could leave some countries behind

LONDON (AP)—As the race for a vaccine against the new coronavirus intensifies, rich countries are rushing to place advance orders for the inevitably limited supply to guarantee their citizens get immunized first — leaving significant questions about whether developing countries will get any vaccine before the

pandemic ends.

Earlier this month, the United Nations, International Red Cross and Red Crescent, and others said it was a “moral imperative” that everyone have access to a “people’s vaccine.” But such grand declarations are unenforceable, and without a detailed strategy, the allocation of vaccines could be

extremely messy.

“We have this beautiful picture of everyone getting the vaccine, but there is no road map on how to do it,” said Yuan Qiong Hu, a senior legal and policy adviser at Medecins Sans Frontieres in Geneva. She said numerous problems must be resolved to manage distribution and that few mea-

sures have been taken.

In the past, Hu said, companies have often applied for patents for nearly every step of a vaccine’s development and production: from the biological material like cell lines used, to the preservative needed to stretch vaccine doses and even how the shots are administered.

“We can’t afford to face

these multiple layers of private rights to create a ‘people’s vaccine,’” she said, urging “very open conditions” so every manufacturer capable of doing so can produce a vaccine once its proven effective.

Speaking at a vaccine summit earlier this month that addressed the thorny issue of equitable distribution, Ghanaian President Nana Akufo-

Addo agreed.

“The global spread of COVID-19 has told us in no uncertain terms that disease knows no boundaries and no country can afford to go it alone,” he said. “Only a people’s vaccine with equality and solidarity at its core can protect all of humanity from the virus. ... A bold international agreement to this end cannot wait.”

Mexico posts more high virus numbers, acknowledges plateau

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Mexico’s coronavirus cases continued to increase at near-record levels Wednesday, as officials acknowledged the country is on a plateau with few signs of decrease, even as the economy starts reopening. The Health Department reported that confirmed cases rose by 4,930, the second-highest daily increase to date, to reach an accumulated total of 159,793.

Deaths rose by 770, the third-highest daily number, after one-day increases of 1,092 and 816 earlier this month. Those death tolls rivaled those of the United States. Mexico’s overall death toll now stands at 19,080.

Both case and death totals are clearly undercounts because Mexico does very little testing. Moreover, reporting has been slow and faulty.

The Mexican Social Security Institute, the nation’s largest health care provider, said Wednesday that 957 confirmed COVID-19 deaths had not been added to official counts because the information had not been typed into computer systems. Mexico’s official toll will probably also rise when deaths at home, or deaths where no test were performed, are added.

Health officials acknowledged Mexico is on a plateau, with sustained rates of transmission and deaths, with

few if any signs of a decrease. Despite that, business are beginning to reopen after mandatory lockdowns due to the coronavirus.

Assistant Health Secretary Hugo López-Gatell said the numbers indicate a “progressive tendency of prolonging the epidemic ... longer than originally predicted.”

López-Gatell had originally predicted a peak in the epidemic in May, but the latest figures show a peak in early June. However, because of delays in testing and reporting—and the large number of suspected coronavirus deaths and cases that may later be confirmed—it is unclear when the peak occurred or if it is

Beijing adds more measures to curb new outbreak

BEIJING (AP)—Beijing reported a slight increase in new coronavirus cases Wednesday as it fights a new outbreak with strict measures aimed at reducing human contact and the chances of a new wave of infections across the country.

More than 60% of commercial flights in and out of Beijing have been canceled as the city limits travel in and out of the city, especially from districts where new cases have been detected.

The website of the Communist Party’s Global Times said that as of 9 a.m. Wednesday, a total of 1,255 flights to and from the capital’s two major

airports have been scrapped.

Beijing said it had essentially eradicated local transmission but in recent days has added 137 cases in the city of 20 million people.

On Wednesday, the capital reported 31 cases, up from 27 the day before, in an outbreak that has been primarily linked to a wholesale food market. Nationwide, China reported 44 new cases, around the average for recent days.

No new deaths were reported and just 252 people are currently in treatment for COVID-19.

In Beijing, visitor numbers at museums, libraries and galleries will be capped at 30%

of capacity while sporting events are being suspended along with other large group activities.

Meetings can be held under stringent conditions with less than 100 participants.

Group tourism across city and provincial borders is suspended, adding to bans on residents from high-risk areas from leaving Beijing and bans on taxis and car-hailing services from transporting people across the city border.

Mask wearing, social distancing and disinfecting will all be more tightly enforced. Checks at the entrance to residential communities are also being tightened.



AMENDMENT Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting

Thursday, July 2, 2020 | 5:00 PM
Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center Building
Tel: 234-9661/2 • Fax: 234-9666 • www.zoning.gov.mp



AGENDA

A. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of 02/25/2020 Zoning Board Meeting minutes
5. Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)

B. Public Hearings:

1. **Conditional Use Application #2020-0730:** Shalom Church proposes to occupy a pre-existing one-story structure for its Church establishment. This use is classified as “Church or Place of Worship” and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. The site is located on Lot No. TR. 21859-3-1 in Fina Sisuvillage. This area is zoned as Village Residential.
2. **Conditional Use Application #2019-5005:** Global Corporation Phoenix Garden A proposes to occupy a pre-existing one-story structure for its Bed & Breakfast establishment. This use is classified as “Bed & Breakfast” and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. The site is located on Lot No. 128 D 36 in Garapan village. This area is zoned as Village Residential.
3. **Conditional Use Application #2019-5007:** Global Corporation Phoenix Garden C proposes to occupy a pre-existing one-story structure for its Bed & Breakfast establishment. This use is classified as “Bed & Breakfast” and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. The site is located on Lot No. 128 D 43 in Garapan village. This area is zoned as Village Residential.
4. **Conditional Use Application #2020-1492:** Marked 4 Life Tattoo is proposing to occupy & operate its tattoo services. This use is classified as “Personal Services” and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. 010 K 224 in Dandan village. This area is zoned as Village Residential.
5. **Conditional Use Application #2020-0720:** Pacific International Property Management LLC is proposing to construct two structures for Residential Use (Multifamily or Apartment). This use is classified as “Residential Uses” and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. 006 B 11 in As Matuis village. This area is zoned as Tourist Resort.

C. Communication

1. FY 2021 Budget
2. FY 2019 DRAFT Annual Report
3. Department Organizational and Functional Chart

D. Old Business

1. ITB 19-ZB-134 “Vehicle purchase for Enforcement & Operations”
2. Nuisance Abatement & Blighted Properties Maintenance Act of 2018 Regulations

E. Executive (Closed) Session

F. New Business

1. Election of Officers
2. Operations Reports (Permitting & Enforcement)

G. Miscellaneous

1. Other Matters
2. Announcements
3. Next Meeting

H. Adjournment



CNMI DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PUBLIC NOTICE

The CNMI Department of Commerce, Central Statistics Division is now conducting the CNMI 2020 Prevailing Wage Study (2020 PWS) survey and notifies all businesses and employers, private and public, in the CNMI to log on to the CSD Data Collection Portal and complete the 2020 PWS survey questionnaire.

Every business and employer, even if you do not have any employees, is urged to complete this survey before June 30, 2020.

2020 PWS Data Collection Portal Link:
<http://cnmidata.commerce.gov.mp/>

Off the Wall

Cambodian man kept live land mines as yard decorations

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—Authorities in northwestern Cambodia have scolded a man for his lawn decorations -- old land mines and other abandoned ordnance still containing live explosives, an official said Friday.

About 30 unexploded munitions were hung from a tama-

rind tree and scattered around the man's yard, said Khen Srieng, an official from the Cambodian Mines Action Center, the government agency that oversees mine clearance.

Khen Srieng, who went to the man's home on Wednesday to collect the munitions for destruction, said they were left over from three decades of civil war that ended in the 1990s and that most of the mines were still active and dangerous.

He said the man used to be a junk collector and had gathered the devices from rice fields and forests near his home to sell as scrap. The man, whose name was not released, told Khen Srieng that after the government banned the sale and purchase of land mines and other unexploded ordnance, he didn't know what to do with them.

Violators of the ban are rarely if ever prosecuted, because they are generally poor villagers seeking a bit of extra income. CMAC lectured the man for breaking the law.

CMAC chief Heng Ratana, who on his Facebook page described the situation as "unbelievable," said the man sometimes acted as an unlicensed deminer by clearing mines from the fields of other villagers for money, and then kept them.

The man's house is in Banteay Meanchey province near the Cambodian-Thai border, where there was combat in the 1980s and 1990s between Cambodian government forces and communist Khmer Rouge fighters.

An estimated 4 million to 6 million uncleared land mines and other pieces of unexploded ordnance remain in Cambodia.

A January report by the Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority said there were 77 casualties from land mines and other unexploded ordnance last year, including 12 fatalities. It said that from 1979 to 2019, such items killed 19,780 people and injured 45,075 others.

Oh snap! Police capture 65-pound turtle from Virginia suburb



This 2020 photo provided by the Fairfax County Police Department shows a 65-pound (29-kilogram) alligator snapping turtle in Alexandria, Va.

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP)—A 65-pound (29-kilogram) alligator snapping turtle with a face only its mother could love has found a new home at a Virginia zoo after freaking out residents in a northern Virginia suburb.

The turtle, dubbed Lord Fairfax, was repeatedly crossing a residential road in the Alexandria area, according to Fairfax County Police. Not native to the area, the alligator snapping turtle is generally found in the wild farther south.

Animal control officers initially took Lord Fairfax to the county animal shelter, and then to the state Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

The fisheries folks say the turtle is just a juvenile and could eventually grow as big as 200 pounds (90 kilograms). They say the northern Virginia climate would have been too cold for him to live in the wild.

He will live instead at The Virginia Zoo in Norfolk.

Officials seek to nab alligator spotted in Kansas creek

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP)—Authorities in Kansas have closed a trail around a creek as they try to catch an al-

ligator spotted there.

The 5-foot (1.5-meter) alligator is believed to be one of two stolen from a pet store in the northeastern Kansas city of Manhattan last weekend, the Mercury reported. A man called 911 to report seeing an alligator while he was walking along Linear Park Trail on Wednesday. Animal control officers who responded saw the animal lounging on a log in Wildcat Creek.

The trail was closed, and

officials set traps overnight in hopes of catching the reptile. Authorities said they don't know how the alligator made it into the creek or whether the other alligator stolen on June 5 from Manhattan Reptile World is also on the loose.

Officials have asked anyone who spots either alligator to call police.

Manhattan, with a population of more than 53,000 people, is home to Kansas State University.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

3A'S POLYSHINE Home of V-Kool Is looking for

(2) UPHOLSTERER (51-6093)

- Considerable knowledge of the practices and methods of upholstery works, and the use of machinery and equipment for upholstery.
- Ability to make upholstery and other repairs to furniture and interior of vehicles.
- Good knowledge of upholstery materials selections.

Salary Range: \$11.96/hour
Status: Full Time
Anticipated Starting of
Employment: October 1, 2020

V-KOOL Marianas USA LLC Is looking for

(2) Window Film Installer (49-2096)

- Considerable knowledge of the industrial practices of adhesive window film installation
- Ability to work with varieties of window films and window glass surfaces and must not be afraid of height
- Ability to work independent with minimum supervision

Salary Range: \$12.30/hour
Status: Full time
Anticipated Starting of
Employment: October 1, 2020

SIGNSATIONAL Is looking for

(2) Graphic Designer (27-1024)

- Ability to determine size and arrangement of illustrative material and copy, and select style and size of material
- Ability to create designs, concepts, and sample layouts, based on knowledge of layout principles and esthetic design concepts.
- Draw and print charts, graphs, illustrations and other artwork, using computer.

Salary Range: \$8.40/hour
Status: Full Time
Anticipated Starting of
Employment: October 1, 2020

Please check more details of these announcement at www.marianaslabor.net
Submit a typed resume or call 670-235-8938 to arrange for an interview.

For inquiries, please contact
Mr. Korey Tenorio via
email at edsikayun@gmail.com



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AMENDMENT #1 Building Demolition Project: Buildings A, A1, B, B1 C, D, E, F, G, H, I, Q, R & S

INVITATION FOR BIDS NMC IFB 20-0002

Northern Marianas College (The College) is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the building demolition project at the NMC Saipan campus.

Specifications and Scope of Work packets may be picked up at the **NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. O, commencing May 27, 2020 between the hours of 9:00-11:30 a.m.** for the Electronic packet, please send request to Anita Camacho (anita.camacho@marianas.edu).

Pre-bid conference is scheduled for June 11, 2020 at 9:00 am. Attendance is strongly recommended. NMC continues to practice social distancing due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions. The pre-bid conference and virtual tour will take place through video conference technology, Zoom. Zoom Meeting ID No.: 928 5800 5961

Electronic Bid submissions: NMCIFB20-0002@marianas.edu

Due Date/Time: 10:00 am, June 19, 2020, Chamorro, Standard Time (ChST).

Hard copies Bid submissions: Procurement & Property Management Office, Bldg. O, As Terlaje Campus Due Date and Time: 10:00am, June 19, 2020, (ChST).

Paid for by 100% Federal Funds through US Department of Education, Emergency Assistance to Institution of Higher Education Grant, award no. P938T190005. Provisions of Public Law 15-95 as amended by Public Law 15-118, Local Preference, are not available for this procurement.

This solicitation does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the College in any way. The College reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids for any reason and waive any defect in said bids, or cancel in part or its entirety this IFB, if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College.

Approved by:

/s/ Anita Camacho
Procurement & Property Manager

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

NAME OF EMPLOYER: Burger & Comer, P.C.

THE POSITION: Senior Auditor

JOB DESCRIPTION: Examines and analyzes accounting records to determine financial status of establishments and prepares financial reports concerning operating procedures; Reviews data regarding material assets, net worth, liabilities, capital stock, surplus, income, and expenditures; Inspects items in books of original entry to determine if accepted accounting procedures were followed in recording transactions; Counts cash on hand, inspects notes receivables and payables, negotiable securities, and cancelled checks; Verifies journal and ledger entries of cash and check payments, purchases, expenses, and trial balances by examining and authenticating inventory items and price testing; Evaluates results of audit procedures performed and determines the appropriate courses of action in response to audit issues and potential findings; Prepares report for management concerning scope of audits, financial conditions found, and source and application of funds; May take recommendations regarding improving operations and financial positions of company; May supervise and coordinate activities of auditors specializing in specific operations of establishments undergoing audit; and Prepares audited financial statements.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

EDUCATION: With a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting or Auditing

EXPERIENCE: With at least 60 months of relevant work experience as an Auditor.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Must have the requisite Bachelor's Degree in Accounting or Auditing. With a minimum of 60 months or 5 years of relevant work experience as an Auditor preferably in a professional accounting/auditing work environment. Preferably attended continuing professional occupation (CPE) in fields/subjects related to accounting and auditing.

JOB SITE: Suite 203, MHII Building, Mariana Heights, Business Park, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

HOW TO APPLY: Submit or mail resume and/or application letter to:

BURGER & COMER, P.C.

Office Address: Suite 203, MHII Building, Mariana Heights, Business Park, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 504053, Saipan, MP 96950

Email Address: daveb@bcmcpa.com

Telephone Number: (670) 235-8722

Science & Technology

1: Hydrogen

6: Carbon

26: Iron

92: Uranium

Periodic table of the elements

Displays the chemical elements, arranged by atomic number from top to bottom; shows remarkable patterns in the elements

The columns put elements of similar chemical properties together

Chemical properties are the result of how the elements' electrons behave

Science Matters

New periodic table looks into atom

A new table, inspired by the classic periodic table based on the elements' electrons, shows how an element's inner structure – its nucleus – also has repeating, periodic patterns.

ATOM

NUCLEUS

Neutrons

Protons

Electrons

Nuclear reactions happen here

Chemical reactions involve electrons

A nuclear periodic table

arranges the elements according to the pattern of "shells" within their nuclei; it shows symmetrical groups similar to – but different from – the standard periodic table's

"Magic" numbers are the numbers of protons in stable nuclei

Two special sequences outside the main table

Wrapped nuclear periodic table puts elements in a continuous sequence

Two more views of the wrapped table

Source: Yoshiteru Maeno and Kouichi Hagino of Kyoto University; Foundations of Chemistry journal

Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Tribune News Service

Fixing wireless printing on a mesh Wi-Fi network

Q My HP OfficeJet printer and my desktop PC are on a mesh Wi-Fi network. The printer recently stopped receiving printing requests that the PC sent through the Wi-Fi network. But the printer still receives Wi-Fi printing requests sent from my iPhone and laptop PC. What's wrong?

A Mesh networks use multiple Wi-Fi antennas to blanket a large house with a strong wireless signal. But this convenience comes at a price: Mesh networks are more complicated than those that have a single antenna (usually on your wireless router.)

Because all the antennas in a mesh network talk to each other, they should relay a print request from any computer or phone on the network to a shared printer. But glitches can be caused by:

- Software updates. A recent update to Windows 10 or to PC security software may have scrambled the desktop PC's ability to communicate with the wireless printer. To fix that, use the Microsoft or HP troubleshooting programs for printers (see tinyurl.com/y73ue45y). Or use Windows 10's System Restore to undo recent PC changes (see tinyurl.com/yc4er5lk).

- A Wi-Fi frequency problem. Mesh networks often use two wireless frequencies, 2.4 gigahertz and 5 gigahertz. The 2.4 gigahertz signal reaches farther and penetrates walls better; the 5 gigahertz signal is faster.

But this can lead to problems. If the desktop PC and printer are on different frequencies, your print request won't be received. (To make sure all devices use the same frequency, consult your mesh network setup directions.)

Alternatively, if both PC and printer are using the 5 gigahertz frequency, the signal might be fading out after passing through too many walls or floors. (Reposition the mesh network antennas so Wi-Fi signals pass through fewer obstacles.)

- A mesh network expansion. Each network antenna has a "network name" called an SSID (or Service Set Identifier.) You can even add a secondary SSID to an antenna for special

TECH Q&A

By STEVE ALEXANDER

Star Tribune (Minneapolis)



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uses, such as restricting Wi-Fi to one frequency. But when you add an SSID, you must provide its name to your main internet router and to every other antenna on the network. If you don't, it could cause network gaps that prevent communication between a computer and a printer.

Q I plan to upgrade our three PCs from Windows 7 to Windows 10, but I was alarmed by your column on Windows 10's wireless file sharing (see tinyurl.com/y86fu7dh). Can we still share files over a wired home network if we upgrade to Windows 10? Can I share files between Windows 7 and Windows 10 PCs until the upgrade is completed?

A You can share Windows 10 files over a wired home network as well as a wireless one.

Use the Windows 10 File Explorer to set up a shared folder on one of your PCs. Allow everyone on the wired network to share that folder (see tinyurl.com/y2mr5p6z and scroll down to "Sharing folders using File Explorer.") Then share a link to the folder with your users.

To share files between Windows 7 and Windows 10 PCs during the upgrade process, move the files to a cloud storage account (Dropbox, OneDrive or others), then share a link to those files with all your network users. See tinyurl.com/ybst5fw8 and scroll down to "Method 3. Use cloud drives."



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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Operations Manager (1)

Opening Date: June 15, 2020
Closing Date: July 15, 2020

Duties: Manage quality assurance programs, hiring and training other employees. Monitoring existing processes and analyzing their effectiveness and creating strategies to improve productivity and efficiency. Work hand in hand with project team to create a mutual understanding of the project strategy based on the requirement of the job. Assist engineer with reviews and analysis of contractor payment request and company's correspondence. Convey project needs from the engineer to the management of the firm. Meet project budgets through assessing and analyzing operational and financial risks that may be encountered in the execution of planned construction projects. Advise the company in making decisions that are commercially viable. Make sure that the works are allocated to engineer in an appropriate manner and are prioritized based on how urgent they are and also based on the needs of the customer. Make sure that every project at hand is completed and delivered to the owner when due, and that expenses incurred in the project process fall within the stipulated company budget.

Maintains office services by organizing office operations and procedures; Preparing payroll; Controlling correspondence; Designing filing systems; Reviewing and approving supply requisitions; Assisting and monitoring clerical functions. Manage material and manpower requirements. Perform preparation of invoices, variance and claims and client follow up. Negotiate and maintain all corporate insurance policies such as: Vehicle Insurance, Workmen Compensation, General Liability Insurance, Etc... Direct preparation and modification of reports. Inspect reports and site monitoring. Coordinate with clients, consultants and sub-contractors. Calculate data, compute taxes and charges. Prepare projects' permitting. Prepare invoices for billing purposes. Prepare documents for newly hired employees. Plays the role of the middle man or communication link between engineer and the management staff of the company.

Salary: \$47,341.00 per annum

Minimum Requirements: Bachelor's Degree in Management or any other related courses and 36 months of related experience.

Special Requirements: Expertise in MS Office Tools. Can operate accounting software such as Peach Tree and Quickbooks. Can troubleshoot computers and can operate majority of the usual office equipment. Can communicate clearly and concisely, verbally and in writing in English. Can work with immigration lawyer and immigration agencies regarding employees' immigration status requirements such as foreign passport, H1 B, CW-1. Can work flexible hours.

Interested applicants must meet all requirements needed as stated in the JVA and must submit their complete/detailed resume at our office in Kannat Tabla, Saipan or via email at primtek.construct@yahoo.com. A hands-on test on computer software/programs and a panel interview with the board may be scheduled to determine the eligibility of the potential applicant.



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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SHELTER WORKER (GUMA ESPERANSA)

(Temporary, 12 months)

NMCADSV is looking for a motivated individual to join its team! We are looking for someone who is rooted in service and believes in the social justice values we uphold.

Job Summary: The SHELTER WORKER will be employed by NMCADSV and report to Guma Esperansa, Karidat Social Services. Guma Esperansa is the shelter for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in the CNMI. Shelter workers provide a variety of direct shelter and advocacy services and related administrative tasks under the direct supervision of the Shelter Manager, including ensuring the safety of residents and other staff, assisting with schedules and transportation for clients, conduct intake assessments, participate in meetings and training, and other tasks as assigned. Please see the "Position Description" for a complete list of duties and responsibilities.

Minimum Qualifications: An understanding of and agreement with NMCADSV's mission statement and philosophy regarding the elimination of domestic and sexual violence; an understanding of and agreement with the mission of Karidat Social Services; good verbal and written communication skills; and capacity for warmth and openness for working with people from varied backgrounds.

Applicants must be able to work evenings, nights, weekends, and holidays to ensure appropriate coverage for Guma Esperansa, a 24-hour residential shelter. Also, applicants should have reliable transportation and a valid CNMI driver's license.

Classification & Salary Range: Full Time, Non-Exempt. \$16,500.00 per annum.

Copies of the full Position Description can be requested by email at info@endviolencenmi.org or downloaded from the NMCADSV Facebook page.

To Apply: Submit the following on or before 11:59 p.m. on Friday, July 3, 2020. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. Cover Letter
2. Karidat Application Form (available for download at NMCADSV Facebook Page or by email to info@endviolencenmi.org)
3. Copy of Diploma or Degree
4. Copy of valid CNMI Driver's License
5. Copy of Police Clearance (obtained within the past 6 months)

Applications can be submitted through:

1. Email (with all attachments) to info@endviolencenmi.org. OR
2. Mail hard-copy to NMCADSV, P.O. Box 506689, Saipan, MP 96950. (Mailed applications must be postmarked on or before the deadline.), OR
3. Drop hard-copy to Karidat Social Services, Chalan Kanoa, Saipan (Formerly Sr. Remedios Early Childhood Development Center).

NMCADSV is an equal opportunity employer.
Individuals from under-served communities are encouraged to apply.

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Life & Style

'That 70s Show' actor Danny Masterson charged in 3 rapes

LOS ANGELES (AP)—“That ’70s Show” actor Danny Masterson was charged with the rapes of three women in the early 2000s, Los Angeles prosecutors said Wednesday, the culmination of a three-year investigation that resulted in a rare arrest of a famous Hollywood figure in the #MeToo era.

The three counts of rape by force or fear against Masterson were filed Tuesday, and an arrest warrant issued. Masterson, 44, was arrested late Wednesday morning, jail records showed. He was released a few hours later after posting bond and is scheduled to be arraigned Sept. 18.

Masterson’s attorney Tom Mesereau said his client is innocent, and “we’re confident that he will be exonerated when all the evidence finally comes to light and witnesses have the opportunity to testify.”

Prosecutors allege that Masterson raped a 23-year-old woman sometime in 2001, a 28-year-old woman in April of 2003, and a 23-year-old

woman he had invited to his Hollywood Hills home between October and December of 2003.

If convicted, he could face up to 45 years in prison.

Prosecutors declined to file charges in two other Masterson cases that police had investigated, one because of insufficient evidence and the other because the statute of limitations had expired.

Masterson has been married to actor and model Bijou Phillips since 2011.

“Obviously, Mr. Masterson and his wife are in complete shock considering that these nearly 20-year old allegations are suddenly resulting in charges being filed, but they and their family are comforted knowing that ultimately the truth will come out,” said Mesereau, who has previously represented Michael Jackson and Bill Cosby in their trials for sexual crimes.

“The people who know Mr. Masterson know his character and know the allegations to be false.”

The women, whose names were not made public, issued a statement through their attorneys saying they have suffered “harassment, embarrassment and re-victimization” since they began cooperating with authorities.

“We are thankful that the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s office is finally seeking criminal justice against Masterson,” the statement said. “We are confident that the truth will be known and hope that the charges filed today are the first steps in this long journey of healing, justice, and holding those that victimized us accountable.”

The alleged rapes came at the height of Masterson’s fame as he starred on the retro sitcom “That ’70s Show” alongside Ashton Kutcher, Mila Kunis and Topher Grace. The series ran on Fox TV from 1998 to 2006 and has had a long afterlife in reruns.

He had reunited with Kutcher

on the Netflix western sitcom “The Ranch” when the LAPD investigation of him was revealed in March 2017. The news did not have immediate career repercussions for Masterson, but later in the year, after allegations against Harvey Weinstein shook Hollywood’s culture, he was written off the show.

Masterson decried the Hollywood atmosphere that led to his losing the job, and also suggested at the time that his high-profile membership in the Church of Scientology was leading to his persecution.

He said in a 2017 statement that “in the current climate, it seems as if you are presumed guilty the moment you are accused.”

Because police were already investigating him, Masterson’s case was not among those taken up by a task force formed by Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey to investigate sexual misconduct in the entertainment industry.



Masterson

Padma Lakshmi gets political with series cheering immigrants

NEW YORK (AP)—Padma Lakshmi has watched in anger as some politicians denigrate immigrants. She’s been left seething as newcomers are discriminated against or targeted.

So she has responded with something she knows quite a lot about: food. Specifically, immigrant food: burritos, dosas, crab boil, pad Thai and poke.

Lakshmi, a longtime judge of Bravo’s “Top Chef,” created and hosts the new Hulu documentary series “Taste the Nation,” which celebrates the food of American immigrants and indigenous people.

“I am an immigrant. And I was just disgusted the way immigrants had been used as a pawn for political gain and been discriminated against so grossly by this administration. I guess this show is my rebuttal to that,” she said.

“Taste the Nation” sees Lakshmi go to the Texas border city of El Paso and talk to locals about the wall. She goes to South Carolina to go crabbing and explore Gullah Geechee food. She goes to Las Vegas to spend time with Thai immigrants and to Arizona to forage for Native American ingredients.

Lakshmi, an Indian American who came to America when she was 4, tells viewers at the top of each episode: “I want to explore who we are through the food we eat. What makes us American?”

There’s discussion of immigration, global warming, massacres, cultural stereotypes and racism. It’s a departure from most food shows, which avoid partisan politics or current events for fear of alienating viewers or piercing the safe cooking bubble.

“I wouldn’t even say that I was a very political person a few years ago, but I have out of necessity and anger and frustration, and become very vocal,” Lakshmi said.

“I’m not interested in food in a vacuum. I’m interested in the cultural and emotional connection that people have to food. And I’m not just inter-



In this image released by Hulu, Emilio Marentes, left, owner of Eleme, appears in his kitchen as host Padma Lakshmi looks on, in a scene from “Taste the Nation,” a documentary series streaming on Hulu.

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ested in the food: I’m interested in the hand that makes the food.”

During each episode, Lakshmi consults with community leaders, food experts and leading lights. Former U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara talks about being bullied as a kid. Lakshmi and Indian actress and food authority Madhur Jaffrey make Lemon Chicken with Coriander.

“I just wanted to show the humanity of these people who live in our country, who have built our country and show that they’re not something to be afraid of,” she said. “They’re not dirty. They’re not criminals. They’re not going to threaten our jobs.”

Lakshmi goes to the very heart of the nation’s food identity when she visits Milwaukee to look at that mainstay of Americanism—the hot dog. It’s another immigration story.

Hot dogs have their roots in Germany, as do the classic U.S. beer labels Pabst, Miller and Schlitz. Lakshmi notes that many German Americans had to hide their background

during World War II. “Assimilation is complicated,” she points out.

Sarina Roma, executive producer and co-director, said the show represents a lot of what Lakshmi cares about in her personal life. “It all comes from a place of genuine curiosity. It’s very reflective of who she is as a person.”

Roma added that the show illustrates food can be political: “We’ve tasted food from all over the world, but when you actually stop and think about how that food got here, it tells a much larger story of America.”

The third episode finds Lakshmi getting very personal. The woman known mostly for her kindness to TV contestants beside chef Tom Colicchio this time introduces her daughter and mother as she discusses Indian immigration.

“I did not want this show to be about me. That was not the intention at all. But obviously my experience informs this show throughout. And so I had to be able to show my family in my kitchen,” she said. “To talk to oth-

er Indians without talking to members of my own family would have felt not false, but a little hypocritical.”

Lakshmi knows her show is subjective and formed around her specific political and cultural lens, but she hopes people with differing views will tune in.

She is hopeful, too, that the world of food will look at itself and change. She complains that restaurants are often boys’ clubs for white men, where immigrants and women find glass ceilings. She noted the recent furor at Bon Appetit that cost its editor in chief his job after a photo of him dressed in a stereotypical Puerto Rican costume surfaced on social media.

And Lakshmi called for doing more in real life, not just online.

“It doesn’t do any good for us to tweet our support and like and post and all that stuff if, behind closed doors, we’re not practicing what we’re so up in arms about in our social media,” she said. “I would say that a reckoning is very much needed.”

‘Hamilton,’ ‘Phantom’ will be off London stages until 2021

LONDON (AP)—Some of London’s biggest West End shows, including “Hamilton” and “The Phantom of the Opera,” won’t reopen until next year, producers announced Wednesday, as arts bodies warned that Britain faces a “cultural catastrophe” because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Producer Cameron Mackintosh, his producing partners and his Delfont Mackintosh Theatres group said “Hamilton,” “The Phantom of the Opera,” “Mary Poppins” and “Les Miserables,” would return “as early as practical in 2021.”

The company said it was talking to staff about “potential redundancies.”

Mackintosh, one of Britain’s biggest and wealthiest theater producers, said the decision was “heartbreaking” and criticized Prime Minister Boris Johnson’s government for offering stage producers “no tangible practical support beyond offers to go into debt, which I don’t want to do.”

He said the government’s “inability to say when the impossible constraints of social distancing will be lifted makes it equally impossible for us to properly plan for whatever the new future is.”

Music, theater, art, design, architecture and publishing generate billions for the British economy each year, but the country’s clubs, theaters, cinemas, concert halls and art galleries shut down in March as part of a nationwide lockdown to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

Shops and outdoor spaces such as zoos are now starting to reopen, but indoor venues remain closed because of social distancing rules that require people to remain two meters (6 ½ feet) apart.

The special secret sauce in John Legend's album: the Grammys

NEW YORK (AP)—At the 2020 Grammy Awards, John Legend excitedly walked around with “a special secret,” as he puts it. He had just finished recording a batch of songs and felt like his new album was near done.

And though he performed and won his 11th gramophone at the show, he productively used the week where most of the music industry flocks to Los Angeles to add new flavor to his album.

At the Grammys he met Koffee, who made history when she became the youngest artist to win the best reggae album Grammy, eventually collaborating with her on a song for “Bigger Love,” his seventh album out Friday. And a day before the awards show at the white-hot annual Roc Nation brunch, he sought out rapper Rapsody—who is signed to

Jay-Z’s company—and asked her to rap on one of his songs.

Legend said listening to Rapsody’s verse on “Remember Us” brings him to tears, especially when the skilled lyricist name-drops Kobe Bryant, who died on the day of the Grammys, and Nipsey Hussle, who Legend won his most recent Grammy with for their song “Higher.”

“It’s so epic. It makes me cry. I listen to it sometimes and it makes me tear up,” said Legend, who performed “Higher” at the Grammys in tribute to Hussle alongside DJ Khaled and others. “I remember how emotional I was the day of the Grammys when Kobe passed away. It was such a crazy time.”

Legend said Rapsody wrote two verses for his song, asking him which he preferred. “This was the one that just immediately hit me. I loved her referring to

Kobe and Nipsey and Biggie and some of the other artists we lost, but also some artists that are still with us that made records that were important to us.”

Legend’s album also features collaborations with Jhené Aiko and Gary Clark Jr., while a pack of all-star producers and songwriters also help on the project, including Charlie Puth, Anderson Paak, Ryan Tedder, Ester Dean, Teddy Geiger, Tayla Parx and Raphael Saadiq, who executive produced the album.

But Legend’s collaboration with Hussle is still getting love a year after its release. On Monday “Higher” earned two nominations at the BET Awards, including video of the year. The clip was filmed not long before Hussle died.

“What a video to go out on—in his neighborhood, elevated above the neighborhood, look-

ing down on it,” Legend said. “He was so proud of his neighborhood and his community. He had invested so much in the community and done so much to bring hope and jobs and education to the community.”

“We made a record with Nipsey that will last forever,” he said. “That’s a beautiful thing that’s come from it.”

Legend, 41, said the some of the songs on “Bigger Love” have a strong and resilient

impact in a similar vein of “Higher.” Though he created the album before the coronavirus pandemic and the protests advocating for black lives that have erupted around the world, he said the songs still resonate.



This combination photo shows singer-songwriter John Legend, center, with artists he has collaborated with, clockwise from top left, Raphael Saadiq, Rapsody, Charlie Puth, Oak Felder, Jhené Aiko, Julia Michaels, Gary Clark Jr., Teddy Geiger, Anderson Paak, Ester Dean, Tayla Parx and Ryan Tedder.

MTV fires ‘Siesta Key’ star as new season continues

SIESTA KEY, Fla. (AP)—One of the stars of MTV’s Florida-based reality show “Siesta Key” has been fired.

MTV posted the decision to remove Alex Kompothecras, 25, on the show’s official Twitter account Tuesday evening.

“We’ve made the decision to cut ties with Alex and are editing the current season to minimize his presence,” according to an MTV statement. “He will not be in future sea-

sons of ‘Siesta Key.’” The statement did not say what it had based the decision on.

“Siesta Key” premiered in 2017 and follows a group of young people in Sarasota County, Florida. Kompothecras grew up on the Gulf Coast barrier island, where much of the show is filmed. He was dismissed on Tuesday as the second half of the third season began to air.

Alex’s father, Gary Kompothecras, is the founder

of the 1-800-ASK-GARY medical referral service and an executive producer of the show. He also owns the Crescent Club, which his son manages on the show.

“Our family is very disappointed with MTV and we are exploring all our options,” Gary Kompothecras told the Sarasota Herald-Tribune.

It wasn’t clear what relationship Gary Kompothecras and the Crescent Club would have with the show in the future.

Adult stepson’s presence creates tensions in home

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married five months. Her 40-year-old son lives in our basement. He has a job, but I have no idea if he pays rent. If he doesn’t, it really doesn’t bother me.

What does bother me is that at his age, he should be out on his own by now. He’s trying to pay off school loans, which I understand. However, he is the one who incurred these bills. All he had to do was finish his dissertation and he would have had his doctorate. Instead, he quit school and doesn’t plan on going back.

My wife doesn’t think she’s an enabler, but I disagree. It’s getting very hard for me to put up with this situation.

UPSET IN COLORADO

DEAR UPSET: Much depends upon the reason your wife’s son quit school instead of getting that doctorate. I wish you had mentioned whether he has been living in his mother’s house since childhood, or if this is something relatively recent. He may have emotional or mental health issues that need addressing.

Because this is creating friction in your marriage, it may be something you and your wife should talk through with the help of a licensed marriage and family therapist.

DEAR ABBY: I am 30 years old and single. I met this guy while I was working downtown three or four months ago. He is almost twice my age. At first I didn’t think of him as more than

just a customer, but he’s very attractive for his age.

One day last month he told me he had lost his phone during my shift, so I asked him to give me his number so I could call him in case somebody found his phone, which I did. Later that night he called me asking, “Who is this?” so I told him who I was. We have been talking ever since and I have been spending every weekend at his house.

I’m starting to think I can see a future with this guy because I feel butterflies in my stomach. I like how things are between us. I care about him and maybe want more one day. What should I do?

LIKING AN OLDER MAN

DEAR LIKING: What you should do is continue exploring a relationship and find out if he feels the same way you do. But the two of you should take things slowly and discuss the age difference before making any commitments. Although his age isn’t necessarily a deal-breaker, it is significant.

DEAR ABBY: Am I hoping for too much with my husband of 40-plus years? In the evening, we (or I) watch TV, and he’s very agreeable to “watch” anything -- mostly because he hardly watches at all. He’s playing games on his iPad and glancing at the TV. He’ll ask questions occasionally about the characters or the plotlines, but it’s obvious he’s not following. For some reason, I find it disappointing that he’s not really watching, even

DEAR ABBY

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if it’s something he’s shown an interest in or selected. Should I just be grateful he’s in the same room with me and alive?

FEELING SOLO IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR FEELING SOLO: Focusing on gratitude that you are together doing things you both enjoy is healthy. If you don’t care for the program he isn’t watching, feel free to change the channel to something you prefer. However, the two of you should make a point of doing something together in which you are both fully engaged because if you do, it will bring you even closer to each other.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

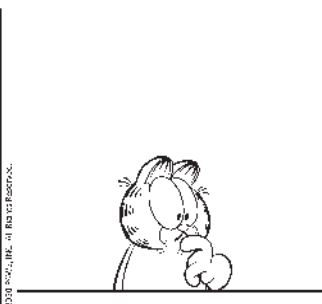


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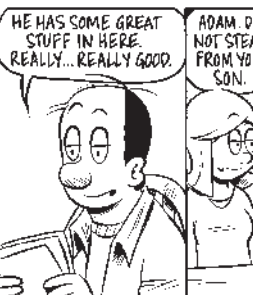
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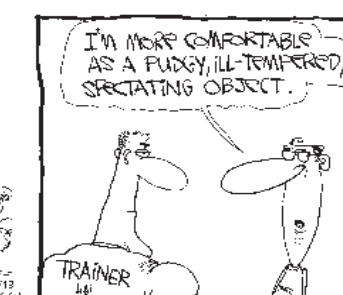
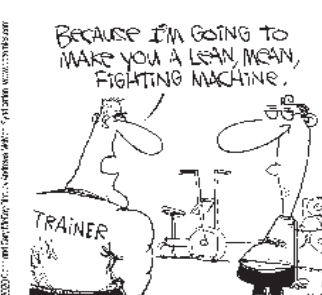
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Yesterday's answer 6-19

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Macklemore, 37; Zoe Saldana, 42; Jean Dujardin, 48; Paula Abdul, 58.

Happy Birthday: Take the initiative. Forge into the future with optimism and enthusiasm. Look for new ways to use your skills, experience and knowledge to fit the changing times. A trendy twist to something you are good at and enjoy doing will turn into a lucrative alternative. Put everything in its place, and don't look back. Do your best to achieve stability and security. Your numbers are 4, 16, 21, 24, 32, 39, 43.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): What you find out from someone you have worked alongside in the past will help you decide your future and how best to proceed. A change of plans will help you move forward with greater optimism. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Look at what's possible, and put your energy where it will count the most. Don't limit what you can do. If you are willful, you'll find a means to reach your goal. Use your imagination, and you'll come up with a plan that is acceptable and lucrative. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take one day at a time, and stay focused on whatever will bring the highest return. Don't depend or rely on someone to do things the way you want. Be responsible, and you'll feel good about what you accomplish. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't fall for a scam. Listen to the voice of reason when you receive an offer or warning from someone unfamiliar. Revealing personal information over the phone or online will put you

in a compromising position. A creative outlet will ease stress. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take pride in what you do for others. Don't make a big splash; it's what you do behind the scenes that will have the biggest impact. A token of affection is encouraged. Someone you care about will reveal his or her feelings. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Refrain from revealing information prematurely, given the restrictive circumstances. You want to do ample preparation before you present what you intend to do. Discipline, time and effort will help you surpass any competition or rival who tries to outdo you. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll stand out for your efficiency. Whether it's a domestic or work-related responsibility, the way you handle situations will reflect the accolades you receive for your expertise. Personal achievement, physical enhancement and home improvements will have profound influences on your life. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your experience, knowledge and skills will help you bring about positive change. Handle others with courtesy, but don't give in to manipulation or interference. Question anyone who is going against the regulations set by rulers or those in authoritative positions. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put more effort into meaningful relationships. Spend more face time with someone you love, or show more affection if you cohabitate with that special person in your life.

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Refuse to let outside influences dictate how your personal life will unfold. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Taking a cautious approach to the way you confront people who are not following the rules will help you avoid ending up in an unsavory situation. Put your energy into making positive adjustments at home. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take advantage of the alone time you have. Put together a routine that is sure to get you in shape and looking your best. An emotional connection you have with someone will require a heart-to-heart discussion to avoid a misunderstanding. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep your distance, abide by the rules and avoid getting into a predicament that is damaging emotionally or physically. If you want to, help others find a way through an organization that is structured to take on such responsibilities. **

Birthday Baby: You are playful, appealing and ambitious. You are smart and influential.

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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By DAVID OUELLET

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As virus test numbers rise, NBA prepares for Disney



FLORIDA (AP)—The rate of positive coronavirus tests in the Orlando area has been soaring in recent days. The NBA hopes that doesn't matter.

After spending weeks putting together an incredibly elaborate series of health and safety protocols—the word “testing” appears 282 times in the document—the NBA and the National Basketball Players Association believe they have done what's necessary for the health and safety of the 22 teams and others that will be part of the season restart at the Disney campus near Orlando next month.

Ready or not, basketball is almost back.

“No one is suggesting that this is going to be an infection-free, guaranteed environment,” NBPA executive director Michele Roberts told The Associated Press. “I guess, unless we go to ... well, where would we go? What state has the lowest rate? There's just no way of finding a sterile environment probably on this planet, but certainly, not in this country.”

Among the details that were included in the protocols released to teams Tuesday night: players will be invited to wear what the league calls a “proximity alarm” that will set off an audio alert when the person is within 6 feet of another person for more than five seconds and therefore not following social distancing guidelines, plus they can choose to wear a ring that will generate “a wellness assessment derived from metrics such as body temperature and respiratory and heart rate.”

Players and staff also will be given thermometers and

a pulse oximeter so they can track their data and record it on the league's daily health platform.

“I am optimistic about the NBA's return-to-play policies and procedures,” said Denver coach Michael Malone, who found out last month that he had already beaten COVID-19 after an antibody test showed he had the virus. “They are going to do whatever it takes to make this the safest environment as possible. There are no guarantees and there will be a risk, but I feel confident in the measures to be taken pre-Orlando and once in Orlando.”

True, there will be a risk.

And the league acknowledges that no plan can be perfect.

“These Protocols are designed to promote prevention and mitigation strategies to reduce exposure to, and transmission of, the coronavirus,” the league said. “However, it is possible that staff, players, or other participants in the resumption of the 2019-20 season nonetheless may test positive or contract the coronavirus.”

But by following strict rules—including regular testing, no leaving the Disney campus without returning to quarantine, no unauthorized guests, no family members being permitted to arrive until late August and, though this likely didn't need to be said, no spitting on the court—the NBA and the NBPA hope the risk is minimal as teams prepare for a Disney stay that could exceed three months for the teams that make the NBA Finals.

“It'll still probably bother everybody that we're not home,” Miami center Bam Adebayo said. “But at the end of the day, we'll be happy to play basketball.”

The NBA's arrival at Disney is looming as the rate of posi-



tive tests around the state is rising, and officials such as Gov. Ron DeSantis are facing criticism for re-opening many parts of the state's economy. But if NBA players aren't venturing out among the public, the hope is that no matter what's going on beyond Disney's fences, the quasi-bubble for basketball won't be affected.

The rate of positive tests in Orange County, which includes Orlando, in the seven-day period ending Tuesday was 6.5%. For the seven days immediately preceding that, it was 2.5%—meaning the rate has more than doubled in a one-week span.

For tests conducted Tuesday, state officials said that Orange County's positive rate

was 11.9%—almost 10 times the rate of 1.4% recorded as recently as June 3.

“It's concerning but not surprising,” Roberts said. “I've watched this governor behave as if the virus is an inconvenience as opposed to a virus. So I guess watching the way the state is adhering or not adhering to CDC guidelines, it's not surprising that these numbers would go up.”

Coaches worried of job security in bubble

The NBA and NBPA laid out guidelines on Tuesday for the NBA's planned restart at Disney World.

The league's coaches union announced on Wednesday that it's worried that the bubble league will jeopardize jobs.

The National Basketball Coaches Association released a statement to ESPN expressing concern that the league's COVID-19 guidelines could exclude older coaches and threaten future job opportunities.

“The health and safety of all NBA coaches is our main concern,” the statement reads. “However, we are also concerned with a coach's opportunity to work and to not have their ability to secure future jobs be severely jeopardized. The league assured us that a coach will not be excluded solely because of age.”

The NBCA then argued that the safety protocols in place in the Disney World bubble presents a safer environment for at-risk coaches than their

everyday environments.

“Adam (Silver) and the NBA have created a situation in Orlando that is likely far safer than in our coaches' home markets. Absent a significant threat, we believe a coach should be able to understand and assume their individual risks, waive liability and coach in Orlando.”

NBCA leadership expressed specific concern to ESPN that guidelines could restrict San Antonio Spurs head coach Gregg Popovich (71), Houston Rockets head coach Mike D'Antoni (69) and New Orleans Pelicans head coach Alvin Gentry (65)—along with several assistants—from participating in the league's restart.

Executive director Dave Fogel and president Rick Carlisle told ESPN that they're worried those restrictions could halt some coaches from future job opportunities.

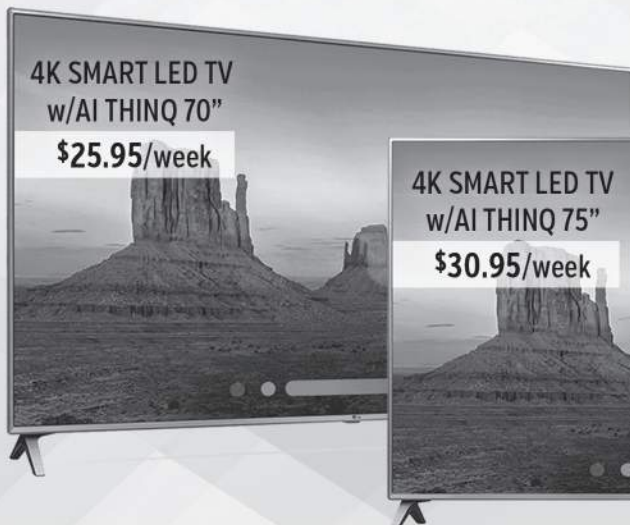
Protocols laid out by the league on Tuesday require team staff members to fill out a questionnaire addressing multiple health issues including: asthma, heart problems, ongoing cancer treatments, smoking habits, a body mass index above 40 as a measure of obesity, kidney or liver diseases and other indications of a compromised immune system, per ESPN.

Earlier in June, NBA commissioner Adam Silver acknowledged in an interview with TNT that “certain coaches may not be able to be the bench coach.”

“They can be in the front of a room, a locker room or a ballroom with a whiteboard, but when it comes to actual play we're not going to want them that close to players in order to protect them,” Silver told TNT.

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Kap fits Chargers style but no workouts planned



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MESA, Calif.
(AP)—Colin Kaepernick is on the Los Angeles Chargers' workout list, but that doesn't mean he will be coming in anytime soon or at all.

Anthony Lynn said Wednesday that Kaepernick fits the style of quarterback Los Angeles is looking for, but the third-year head coach hasn't spoken to him. Lynn was also quick to point out that he first wants to see how the three quarterbacks he has on the roster perform—something he hasn't been able to do during the offseason due to the coronavirus pandemic.

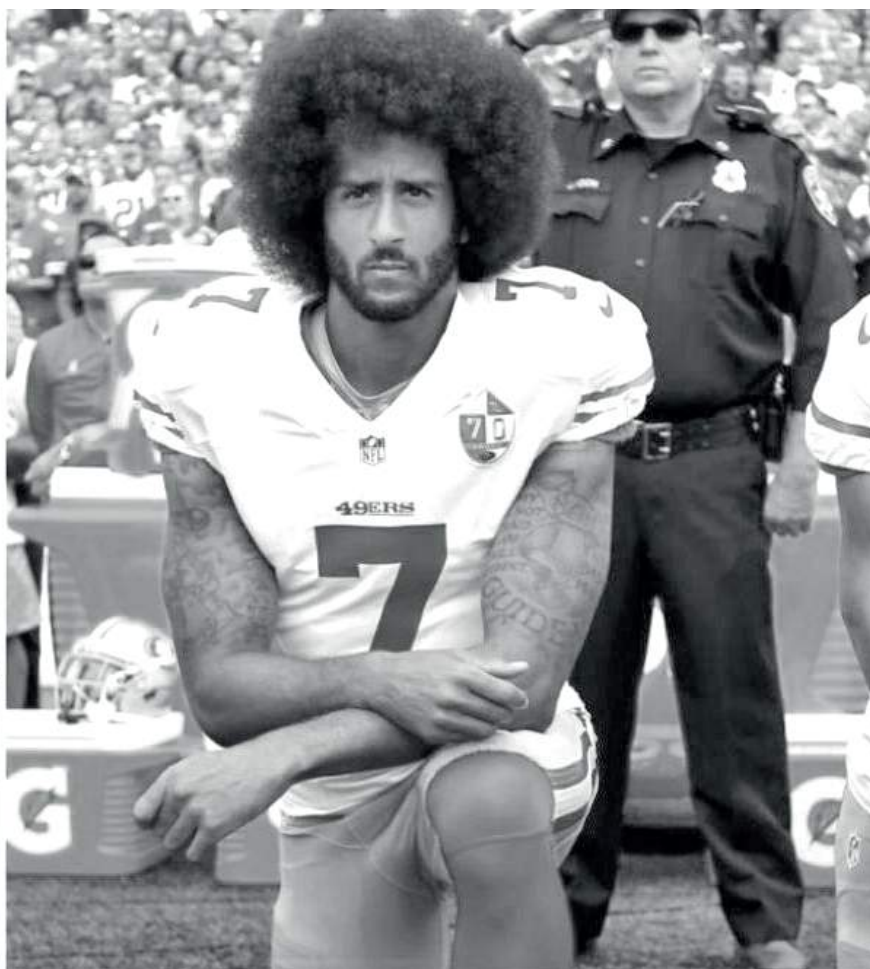
"It would be something I think any team would have to explore with a talent of that caliber that is available under these circumstances," Lynn said. "I know he has a high IQ at the position. It comes down to physical shape and his ability to do what he does. You can figure out real quick where he is in his career after an intense workout."

"Teams need to see if those three years (out of the league) helped him or hurt him. That is three years of not getting hit. It would really be nice to see him back in the league. I'm very confident and happy with the three quarterbacks that I have but you can never have too many people waiting on the runway."

LA will have a new quarterback under center for its



President Donald Trump, left, "absolutely" supports Colin Kaepernick's return to the NFL.



AP

scheduled Sept. 13 opener at Cincinnati after not re-signing Philip Rivers. The 17-year veteran signed with Indianapolis after making 235 consecutive regular season and playoff starts in powder blue.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said Monday that he is encouraging teams to sign Kaepernick, who has been out of the league the past three

seasons. The 32-year old quarterback last played in 2016, when he was with the San Francisco 49ers and began to kneel during the national anthem to protest racial injustice and police brutality.

Seattle Seahawks coach Pete Carroll said last week that he received a call from another team about Kaepernick. Carroll and the Seahawks brought

Kaepernick in for a workout in 2017 and had another planned in 2018 but it was canceled. Lynn said the Chargers were not the team that inquired.

Tyrod Taylor goes into training camp at the top of the depth chart. Los Angeles also drafted Oregon's Justin Herbert with the sixth overall pick and have second-year player Easton Stick. Lynn said he has

been happy with the virtual offseason sessions, but that the lack of field work makes it harder to gauge the position.

Taylor is familiar with Lynn's scheme. Lynn was the offensive coordinator for most of the 2016 season in Buffalo, where Taylor was his quarterback.

"Thank goodness I have some time on task with Tyrod Taylor because he understands the offense. I feel very comfortable with that," Lynn said. "We're going to have to be very efficient when we get back together."

As with other teams, the Chargers' workout list is also longer compared to previous seasons because everyone is preparing for as many contingencies as possible due to the pandemic. No one can accurately predict how many positive tests there are going to be in a week leading up to a game.

Trump supports comeback

As the political tides around Colin Kaepernick are shifting, President Donald Trump is once again weighing in.

And his words may come as a surprise.

In an interview with WJLA's Scott Thuman on Wednesday, Trump said that he would "absolutely" support Colin Kaepernick's return to the NFL.

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"If he deserves it, he should," Trump said when asked if Kaepernick should get another shot in the NFL. "If he has the playing ability. He started off great, and then he didn't end up very great in

terms of a player. He was terrific in his rookie year. I think he was very good in his second year. And then something happened. So his playing wasn't up to snuff."

"The answer is absolutely I would. As far as kneeling, I would love to see him get another shot. But obviously he has to be able to play well. If he can't play well, I think it would be very unfair," he added.

While Trump leans on the assertion that Kaepernick's playing ability was the reason he hasn't been able to find NFL work, Wednesday's statement is a far cry from "get that son of a bitch off the field."

Trump is largely viewed as a driving force for Kaepernick's banishment from the NFL after making his protests of social injustice and police brutality a central theme of his political platform. His statement at a 2017 political rally in Alabama further enflamed the debate over kneeling during the national anthem as a form of political protest.

"Wouldn't you love to see one of these NFL owners, when somebody disrespects our flag, to say, 'Get that son of a bitch off the field right now, out, he's fired. He's fired!,'" Trump said. "You know, some owner is gonna do that."

"He's gonna say, 'That guy disrespects our flag, he's fired.' And that owner, they don't know it. They don't know it. They're friends of mine, many of them. They don't know it. They'll be the most popular person, for a week. They'll be the most popular person in this country."

Fewer line judges, ball people at US Open

NEW YORK (AP)—Electronic line-calling will be used instead of line judges for U.S. Open matches at all courts except the two largest arenas, while singles qualifying and mixed doubles, junior and wheelchair competition are being eliminated entirely.

There also will be three ball people instead of six at courts other than Arthur Ashe Stadium and Louis Armstrong Stadium.

Those are among the changes announced Wednesday by the U.S. Tennis Association as it outlined plans for running a scaled-down, no-spectators version of its Grand Slam tournament in New York City amid the coronavirus pandemic.

"Without question, this is a journey. Things are evolving," new tournament director Stacey Allaster said during a video conference. "We have the plan today. We're in daily contact with both tours."

At a minimum, there will be testing for COVID-19 via nasal swabs upon arrival at what Allaster termed "U.S.

Open world," and then once weekly thereafter. If there is the possibility that the tournament "bubble" has been breached by the virus, there could be testing every other day.

It is unlikely players would be asked to sign waivers absolving the USTA of responsibility should they get sick.

The tournament received the go-ahead from the New York state government Tuesday to be held in its usual location in Flushing Meadows, Queens, from Aug. 31 to Sept. 13. In an unusual arrangement, the hard-court tuneup tournament normally held in Cincinnati will be held right before the U.S. Open—and at the Open's site.

There are still lingering questions about which top players will participate, but one made her intentions clear Wednesday: 23-time major champion Serena Williams said she is planning to play at the U.S. Open.

Williams said in a video message that she "cannot wait to return" to the major champi-

onship she has won six times. She was the runner-up there each of the past two years.

Among the other changes: Men's and women's doubles will be reduced from 64 teams each to 32, with players who are entered in the singles fields not allowed to enter doubles.

With qualifying cut, each of the 128-player fields for men's and women's singles will include 120 players who get in via their ranking and eight who receive wild-card invitations.

Players will be allowed up to three guests and up to two rooms—one paid for by the player, one by the USTA—at a pair of designated hotels. There also will be the option for players to rent a house outside of Manhattan.

The USTA has not decided exactly how many entourage members will be allowed on-site.

Also Wednesday, the women's and men's professional tours issued what they called "provisional" calendars to resume sanctioned competition

in August after being suspended since early March because of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Serena returns

Serena Williams has committed to play at this year's U.S. Open.

"I really can't wait to return to the U.S. Open 2020," Serena Williams said in a video message. "I think the USTA is going to do a really good job of ensuring everyone is going to be safe."

"This is crazy. I'm excited." Williams will be chasing her 24th Grand Slam singles title to match Margaret Court's all-time record.

The USTA expects an 80% drop in net operating income as a result of having no spectators for the U.S. Open but will provide \$60 million in prize money for the two events in New York combined plus another \$3.3 million each to the ATP and WTA.

"We have the resources we can do this for a one-off year," USTA chief executive officer Mike Dowse said.

Manfred has framework with Clark, union stays mum



NEW YORK
(AP)—After days of angry exchanges over money between Major League Baseball and the players' association, Commissioner Rob Manfred started to doubt whether there would be a 2020 season and said as much on national television.

He then called union head Tony Clark and offered to fly from New York to Arizona to meet for the first time in three months. They spoke one on one for several hours Tuesday in a room at The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa in Scottsdale and emerged with what MLB considered a framework for each leader to sell to his side.

MLB thought it had terms to play the pandemic-delayed season in empty ballparks, not just a proposal.

The union said nothing publicly and staff conferred with the eight-man executive sub-committee and other players. Some on the players' side considered the framework merely another plan subject to more bargaining.

The framework includes full prorated pay, even if games are played in empty ballparks, people familiar with the details told The Associated Press. They spoke on condition of anonymity because details were not announced.



In this Aug. 27, 2019 file photo, Los Angeles Angels center fielder Mike Trout makes a catch during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Texas Rangers in Anaheim, Calif.

Clark and I met for several hours yesterday in Phoenix," Manfred said in a statement Wednesday. "We left that meeting with a jointly developed framework that we agreed could form the basis of an agreement and subject to conversations with our respective constituents.

"Consistent with our conversations yesterday, I am encouraging the clubs to move forward, and I trust Tony is doing the same," Manfred added.

The union's last offer on June 9 was for an 89-game schedule at full prorated pay, which would result in 55% of

salaries and about \$2.2 billion.

Top stars Mike Trout and Gerrit Cole would each get about \$13.33 million under MLB's latest plan and \$19.78 million under the union proposal. A player with a \$1 million salary would get \$370,370 under the club plan and \$549,383 under the players' proposal. The \$563,500 minimum would be worth \$208,704 under MLB's plan and \$309,577 under the union's.

The union also would waive additional claims that could cause an expensive grievance.

Manfred and Clark got into such detail during the meeting they recessed for a period to allow Manfred to consult owners on MLB's labor policy committee.

After considering the framework, players could counter with a higher amount of games, perhaps by adding doubleheaders.

Each team would play 60 games over 10 weeks starting July 20, though a Sunday opener on July 19 could be added. The framework would result in players receiving about 37% of their salaries and would come to roughly \$1.48 billion from salaries originally totaling \$4 billion.

Baseball's postseason would expand from 10 teams to 16 this year, and the two wild-card games would transform into eight best-of-three series. That would create a minimum of 14 new play-off games whose broadcast rights could be sold, and MLB would have the option of 14 or 16 postseason teams in 2021.

MLB would guarantee a \$25 million postseason players' pool, creating postseason

shares for players in the event no tickets are sold.

The designated hitter would expand to all games for the first time, also involving games between National League teams, for 2020 and 2021.

The luxury tax would be suspended for 2020, saving money for the Yankees, Astros, Dodgers and Cubs.

Both sides would contrib-

ute jointly to initiatives for social justice.

Players with so-called split contracts, who get paid at a lower salary rate when sent to the minor leagues, would not have to repay the advance they already received: \$16,500, \$30,000 or \$60,000, depending on their contract, for a total of about \$33 million.

"At my request, Tony

quit. But my dad (CNMI Hall of Famer and tennis coach Jeff Race) told me to keep going, join the practice, and I am glad I did," said Race, who was the second youngest player on the team at 16.

The youngest was the 14-year-old Alipio, who

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one goal in the second half.

Though, they knew they had a chance, both Schuler and Vargas admitted that they don't want to be too complacent and still held their guards up.

"We're prepared to protect our goal. Then after we scored a couple in the first half that's the time I told myself 'let's do this (going on the offensive),' " said Schuler, who handed the CNMI its second goal in the first half, while Race made the third and Alex Vergara drew first blood for the team.

"I remember Gabi (Race) and I working hard on defense in the majority of the first half. Then when we went up at 3-0, I got a bit comfortable and from there it was smooth sailing," Vargas said.

The 2015 EAFF East Asian Cup in Guam in 2014 was the first time Race played for the CNMI and it was an opportunity to prove something for herself.

"I did not make the team when I first tried and nearly

backed up goalie Atalig. Alipio said that playing on the Women's National Team at a young age gave her a very good learning experience and inspire her to improve her game knowing that one day she will get the chance to start for the squad. Atalig, on the other hand, took

the tournament as an opportunity not only to learn from the veteran members of the team, but also to set an example to the young guns.

"Someday someone will take your spot and you want them not to be like you, but be better than you are," Atalig said.

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plex, to remove the synthetic flooring of the facility. Fences and poles/posts around the complex were brought down, too, while the batting cage at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield where Little League games take place also bore the brunt of the super typhoon.

Some repairs have been made at the Oleai Sports Complex, including installation of lights at the track and field facility and parking areas, rebuilding of fences, repainting of the administrative office and improvement in the restrooms, post-Yutu. However, major renovations are still needed and expected to start next year since the islands and the rest of the world are now dealing with the COVID-19 crisis.

"This funding from FEMA's Public Assistance Program is crucial to the CNMI's ability to bring our Oleai Sports Complex back to pre-typhoon condition. We have a shared goal of looking out for our athletes and our commitment to ensuring a space for our citizens to engage in sporting activities and athletic events, as we have done so for decades at the local, regional, and international level. We are thankful to Region IX administrator Bob

Fenton and his team here in the CNMI for this FEMA assistance. Our partnership will help us build a stronger Marianas," Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said in a press statement.

NMSA echoed Torres' sentiments, adding that the Oleai Sports Complex is an essential facility in the CNMI.

"The Northern Marianas Sports Association is grateful to the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Office of the Governor for this assistance. The Oleai Sports Complex is one of the important facilities in our islands. It is used not only by our athletes, but other members of our community as well, and we, at NMSA, aim to provide our people with a safe and appropriate venue for sports activities, health and wellness programs, and other events that benefit our community," NMSA president Jerry Tan said.

The NMSA head also acknowledged that improvements at the Oleai Sports Complex will further benefit CNMI athletes and coaches preparing for international and regional competitions as they will be able to utilize the facilities for their training. Regular tournaments on island may also resume once we're cleared from the COVID-19 crisis and repairs have been made.



GUAM FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

The CNMI's Mikky Vargas, left, keeps up with a Guam player as they chase the ball.



GUAM FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

In this file 2014 file photo, CNMI players huddle before battling Macau in the Preliminary Round 1 of the 2015 EAFF East Asian Cup at the Guam Training Centre in Harmon.



GUAM FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

CNMI goalie Neeka Atalig takes the ball away from a Guam player.



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The CNMI Women's National Team was presented with an opportunity during the 2015 EAFF East Asian Cup and capitalized on it paving the way for the historic win.

Emily Maxberry, during Episode 5 of *Footcast with Norman* aired last weekend, recalled how their coaches, led by Olympian Luam Khen Koo, told them before the game against Macau that "if we're going to win, this is it, this is our game." Maxberry, who was joined in the Podcast by Carrie Schuler, Megan Silberberger, Neeka Atalig, Chevy Alipio, Gabrielle Race, and Mikky Vargas, also remembered how she felt something good will happen after meeting the team that had a good mix of young players.

"With the new girls and some of us veterans, it felt

CNMI players: Seizing the opportunity



GUAM FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
In this file 2014 file photo, the CNMI's Emily Maxberry right, attacks against two Macau defenders during their game in the Preliminary Round 1 of the 2015 EAFF East Asian Cup at the Guam Training Centre in Harmon.

like I am playing college soccer again and we have a chance," said Maxberry, who scored two goals in their 7-0

triumph over Macau.

Silberberger saw a different level of confidence from her teammates and it showed



GUAM FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
Members of the CNMI Women's National Team pay their respects to the Commonwealth flag before playing against Macau.

in the way they played, especially on the offensive end.

"We had the opportunity and we seized it. It was like

we want to make a statement that we are the CNMI team and we can play, not so much on defense liked we used to, but

we're also good on offense," said Silberberger, who scored

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Over \$1M grant for Oleai repairs OK'd

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The long-planned improvement project for the Oleai Sports Complex got a needed boost, as the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency has awarded more than a \$1-million grant to the facility.



F E M A will provide \$1,678,781.49 in federal funding to the Of-

fice of the Governor to repair the damage the Oleai Sports Complex sustained from Super Typhoon Yutu.

"These grants are funded through FEMA's Public Assis-



The revised mural at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium of the Oleai Sports Complex now features a female athlete.

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tance program which provides grant reimbursement to communities for expenses incurred in the immediate response and

the recovery from a disaster," FEMA said in a press statement.

Yutu slammed the islands on Oct. 24, 2018, leaving the

facilities at the sports complex in shambles. The bleachers at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield collapsed, while

windows and the roof/ceiling of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium were also damaged, forcing the Northern Mariana

Sports Association, the caretaker of the Oleai Sports Com-

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